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REBELS RUN WILD IN BOGOTA

Centre Of Colombian Capital A Shambles

Just Can't
Be Weaned

London, Apr. 10.
The Lord Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, told radio listeners tonight that he had tried and failed to wean the Italian majority Socialist leader, Signor Pietro Nenni, from his alliance with the Communists.

Soaring Prices In Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 10.
Millions of Shanghai residents today faced difficulties of two major items in their daily diet—rice and fish—through soaring prices and strike.

Rice hit an all-time high of CN\$4,150,000 a picul and the strike of 300 men of privately owned fishing boats spread to a point where more than 500 waited out.

The rice strike is attributed to large-scale purchases of cereals by the food authorities and the easy money market.

The fish strike is in protest against an alleged attempt of the Administration to dump low price fish into the market, reducing private fishermen's income.

Engagement Rumours Absolute Nonsense

London, Apr. 10.
A rumoured engagement between Princess Margaret, 17-year-old daughter of King George VI, and 27-year-old Prince George of Denmark was categorically denied today by the Prince himself and described by a source close to the Royal Family as "absolute nonsense."

"As Princess Margaret is only 17½, I suppose we will be denying many such rumours until her wedding day," this source said.

"She has already been reported as engaged to King Michael of Rumania, the Marquis of Milford Haven (the best man at the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh), Lord Derby, and now Prince George. Her name will probably be linked with other men before she is married."

Prince George, tall, fair, second cousin to Princess Margaret, said today he wished rumours of a romance between himself and the princess would drop.

"No, no, no," he declared. "There is not an atom of truth in it."

Not A Bit Of Truth
London, Apr. 10.
Matchmakers trying to pair off Princess Margaret, Rose and Prince George of Denmark were rebuffed all round today.

Told that trans-Atlantic gossip hinted of their engagement, the Prince, a Military Attaché at the Danish Embassy, said: "I wish these rumours would stop. There is not a bit of truth in them."

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Government Leaders Killed: Mr. George Marshall Safe

Washington, Apr. 10.
The bloody left wing uprising against the Conservative Colombian Government, set off by the shooting of Dr. Jorge Eliacer Gaitan, the Colombian Liberal Party Opposition leader, by an unidentified assailant, was still undecided at daybreak to-day as rioting and looting mobs continued their parade through Bogota.

The centre of the 400-year-old mountain capital is a shambles, according to reports to the State Department, which has been the only direct source of information since international radio facilities from the stricken city broke down on Friday night.

The United States Ambassador, Will Beaulac, reported that the fires which threatened the Embassy have subsided. He added that Secretary of State Marshall, Secretary of Commerce Harriman and other Americans in Bogota for the Pan-American Conference are "all okay but very tired."

Eye-witness despatches to the State Department said the rebels are receiving no serious opposition from the Government forces.

All inter-American conference delegates escaped without injury but the looting of food stores posed a serious problem to conference personnel as well as the city's 425,000 inhabitants.

The few American correspondents who emerged from their barricaded hotels for a first-hand view of the situation reported no signs of the rioting subsiding.

Delegates to the Bogota Conference are apparently determined to try to continue the hemisphere meeting either in the riot-torn Colombian capital or elsewhere. American newsmen in Bogota felt confident it would have to be moved.

Capitol A Shambles
Despatches received by the State Department said the rebels made a shambles of the

Capitol Building, where the conference was meeting, running wild through the corridors, smashing simultaneous translation machines, typewriters and other equipment.

The Department said there is nothing to indicate whatsoever that Mr. Marshall intended bringing the American delegation home. He is expected to make every effort to continue the conference.

The rioting mobs are still burning, killing and looting without serious opposition from the Army or police.

Despatches sent by a group of American correspondents said that at least 35 major buildings in the heart of the historic capital are afire and that the city is being systematically sacked.

President Mariano Ospina Perez of the Conservative Government claimed the left wing rebels were brought under control within seven hours after the uprising started.

But more than two hours after that announcement rioters were running wild through the streets without interference. No police could be seen, and the handful of loyal soldiers on hand apparently were unable to cope with the wholesale murder and looting.

100 Dead
One newspaper said it was impossible to estimate the casualties because of the confusion but at least 100 are believed dead. American correspondents who made unofficial checks put the number at 33 plus more than 200 wounded.

Seven hours after the revolt started, President Ospina issued a communique over the Government radio station stating that loyal army forces were dominating the situation. However, official despatches about the same time from the U.S. Embassy to the State Department reported "the rebels remain in control."

Reports from American news correspondents barricaded in the centre of the city said the raging mobs of rebels were burning, killing and looting, and left wing leaders in the Presidential Palace are demanding that President Perez resign.

Spreading To Provinces
Fifty minutes after the initial "victory" communique, the President issued another call to the Colombian people to support him in the fight against totalitarianism.

The rebel-controlled radio stations claimed that three Conservative leaders were slain by infuriated crowds, including Foreign Minister Lluvo Gomez, chief of the Colombian delegation to the Inter-American Conference.

The rebels said the uprising is spreading to every major city in the country.

The U.S. State Department said it had official word from the U.S. Consulate in Cali, Colombia's third largest city, that the place is in rebel hands.

MacArthur Is Ready

Lincoln, Neb., Apr. 10.
General Douglas MacArthur told a Nebraska supporter today his availability for public office in "not limited to any particular test."

The cable was in reply to one sent by Mr. Mary E. Kenny of Lincoln, Nebraska, State Chairman of the "MacArthur for President" campaign.

MacArthur cabled: "You may be sure that my statement of Mar. 9 that I was available for any public duty to which I might be called by the American people was not limited to any particular political test."

That was a restatement of a concept of the responsibility of citizenship on which I then stood. I now stand, and I shall continue to stand as long as I live."

The reply answered Mrs. Kenny's telegram, which said: "You have won many victories with great odds against you. Please keep on fighting."

MacArthur is one of seven potential Republican Presidential nominees entered in the Nebraska Presidential Primary election next Tuesday.—Associated Press.

Tension In Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Apr. 10.
Moslem volunteer forces in predominantly Hindu Hyderabad were warned today by Dr. Abdul Raof, Minister of Public Works, to be prepared for any emergency and "sacrifice everything to maintain the independence and integrity of Hyderabad."

Hyderabad, which has not acceded to either India or Pakistan since Britain quit India, is at present negotiating with India in New Delhi on their future relations.

Passengers trains leaving Hyderabad city and Secunderabad, eight miles to the north, in the past three days have been overcrowded with Hindus, mostly women, children and businessmen.

Firing in the air occasionally and shouting slogans, more than a thousand green-uniformed young men, armed with rifles, spears and batons, marched through the main streets of the capital city today.—Reuters.

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owner of the San Miguel Brewery where the ice was produced.

The dry ice, is similar in texture to ordinary ice but not as clear, in the form of four-pound blocks, packed in seven insulated sacks.

The ice is made by forcing carbon dioxide gas into a cylinder under high pressure and suddenly releasing it into a chamber. The rapid expansion causes it to freeze.

Dry ice has a temperature of minus-80 degrees Centigrade (minus-112 degrees Fahrenheit), gives a burning sensation when touched, and continuously gives off a vapour in ordinary air.

Boxing Gloves
The boxes were handled yesterday by Far East Flying School employees and students wearing boxing gloves for protection.

Two hundred pounds of dry ice were broken into small chunks and placed in a box fitted into the rear cockpit of a Stinson aircraft.

The remaining 300 lb. is being kept in a PAL cold store in Kowloon. It evaporates ten per cent of its volume daily under ordinary freezing conditions.

Two Stinson aircraft were used in the experiment. One containing the dry ice was piloted by the Far East Flying School chief instructor, Mr. A. B. Hall, while the other carrying Mr. B. W. Thompson, professional assistant at the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, as an observer, was also piloted by an instructor, Mr. O. C. Chambers.

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RABIES IN CANTON
Five persons died of rabies last week after being bitten by stray dogs in Canton, according to Chinese press messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.



An attempt to produce rain by "bombing" clouds with dry ice failed in the Colony yesterday. The top picture shows the Stinson trainer from which the dry ice was dropped. Bottom picture shows the blocks of dry ice in the insulated bags used by PAL to bring it from Manila yesterday on Colonel Andres Soriano's private B17. Another attempt at artificial rain-making with dry ice will be made today if conditions are suitable.—Sunday Herald Photo.

RAIN MAKERS OUT OF LUCK

Chunks of "dry ice" dropped from an aircraft on a cumulus cloud over the sea near Cape D'Aguilar yesterday afternoon did not produce rain so far as is known.

Unsuitable cloud conditions, unsuitable aircraft, and the fact that the "dry-ice" chunks coagulated into a solid mass which the pilot of the aircraft had to break up by hand, contributed to the failure of the artificial rain-making experiment.

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Occupation Debt Repayments Chinese Objections To New Ordinance

Chinese reaction to the proposed Debtor-Creditor Ordinance announced by Government last month, which nullifies yen repayments to the British and American Banks during the enemy occupation, is crystallising into open opposition led by a strong and representative Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

At a meeting of this Committee yesterday afternoon it was unanimously resolved to petition Government for a withdrawal of the proposed legislation on the ground that it is wrong in principle to require a debtor to repay his debt twice.

It will be represented to Government that the repayments made to the Japanese-appointed liquidators during the occupation could not in equity be regarded as invalid, as the Japanese were the authority exercising government by virtue of conquest; and that as for the debtors, with the exception of those absent from the Colony or those who could not be found there was no alternative for them but to comply with the order of the Japanese to repay.

There was no power or authority to whom debtors could appeal for protection or relief.

The benefit which in fact accrued to debtors who had repaid their debts during the occupation is not disputed in the proposed petition, as also the loss which the creditor banks have suffered; but the petitioners will contend that it is wrong in principle and law for Government to redress a wrong done to creditors by just shifting the loss from their shoulders on to those of debtors who were not willing parties in an arrangement not of their own making and over which they had no control.

Legal Opinion
This, in effect, is what the proposed legislation contemplates, the petitioners will contend.

The obvious remedy, the petitioners will insist, is for the aggrieved creditors to seek relief and compensation from the party who had caused their dispossession. In this case the Japanese Government, through normal diplomatic channels.

The coming week will be devoted to a study of the most appropriate method of approach.

The Chinese Unofficial members of Council, it is understood, will be meeting the Chamber's Committee, and possibly legal opinion will be sought in the matter, before the petition is formally presented to Government.

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Won't You
Come Into
My Parlour?

Prague, Apr. 10.
M. Klement Gottwald, the Czechoslovak Communist Minister, today invited "open enemies of the Government" to submit candidates for the elections of May 23.

"Nobody hinders the formation of Opposition parties or stops them from contesting the elections," he told a meeting of Communist Members of Parliament.

After hearing recommendations from M. Gottwald, and 21 other speakers, the meeting unanimously decided that all National Front parties should put up a single list of election candidates.—Reuters.

No, Thanks!
Geneva, Apr. 10.
Dr. Van Glaser Skalmay, 37-year old Czechoslovak Churchoff Affairs in Bern, who was President of Geneva wartime alliance, resigned today because he "refused to support a Government which suppressed man's most sacred rights."—Reuters.

Nazi Flag
Prague, Apr. 10.
The newspaper "Mlada Fronta" reported today that: "Vaclav Kuchar, administrator of the Catholic Church in Vraclov, has been arrested for putting out the Nazi flag on the day of the late Gottwald Government was appointed."

The paper said "this act met with the unfavourable reception of the local inhabitants who were celebrating the appointment of the new Gottwald Government handling out Czechoslovak flags."—United Press.

Police Hit Back
At Students

Peiping, Apr. 10.
The police today clamped down on student demonstrations, ordering a 10 p.m. curfew to clear the streets of 8,000 collegians who during the afternoon and in the night massed outside the Generalissimo's Peiping Headquarters, demanding the release of eight Peiping Normal College students.

The streets were cleared by midnight and the students were dispersed following the release of the eight held in the custody of the Municipal police.

The demonstrators marched off singing "Only is Strength." The Generalissimo's Headquarters assured the students that there would be no more illegal arrests but there is no indication that the general student strike would be ended or would be prolonged indefinitely.

Before agreement was reached for the release of the students, the massed collegians threatened to burst into the field office despite military guards. The authorities and negotiating professors reached an accord after 11 hours of mounting tension threatened to boil over into a bloody riot.

Communist Song
The demonstrators from seven colleges all but overrode their own spokesmen's "please avoid more bloodshed."

The marching students of both sexes, some of whom trudged 10 miles from Tsinghua and Yenching Universities, surged through unarmoured Municipal police, packed the square, heard the generalissimo's speech and sang Communist songs, including a tune of the Communist International in which the lyrics call on China to rise up against "foreign oppression."—United Press.

The Weather
A moderate anticyclone covers China, pressure being highest to the N. of the Yangtze Valley. It is moving E. A deep depression to the W. of Hokkaido is moving NE. A frontal system from it across Japan to the SW. Pressure is relatively high to the SE of Japan, and relatively low over Siam.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E. winds; cloudy with periods of rain or drizzle at night and early morning, improving; misty at first.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum 82° F. (27° C.). Minimum 67° F. (19° C.). Rainfall: 1.6 mm. (0.06 inch). Total since Jan. 1—44.9 mm. (1.77 inches) as against an average of 164 mm. (6.46 inches).

Readings at 10 a.m. on 10th:—Bar at m.s.l. 1011.8; 1012 m.h. 30.0; 30.0; 30.0. Rainfall 0.0; 0.0; 0.0. Dew Point 71°; 71°; 71° F. Wind Direction N.W. Wind Force 1; 1; 1. Clouds 7; 7; 7.

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GOING-AWAY CEREMONY WAS JAPANESE MARRIAGE RITES

Predicament Of A Naval Officer

San Francisco, Apr. 10.

Former Navy Commander Frederick T. Ebersole, 34, a socially prominent San Francisco chain store executive, who said he got so interested in Shinto customs that he unwittingly went through with a Tokyo marriage ceremony to a red-haired Army intelligence assistant, is again united with his pre-war family.

The court granted him an annulment of his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Church, 28, of Seattle, Washington. The grounds were that he already had a wife when the ceremony was performed last Autumn by a Shinto priest. Ebersole said he thought all of the ritual was merely a courteous Japanese "aloha" ceremony.

He claimed surprise when Miss Church notified him a month ago that she translated an elaborate scroll the priest gave her and discovered that it was a Shinto marriage certificate. He said, "She told me that she wanted her name cleared so I went to a lawyer and got an annulment."

Ebersole is at present reconciled with his wife. The couple married in 1935 and were separated eight years later. They have three children.

Believed Story

Mrs. Ebersole obtained an interlocutory divorce decree last year but under California law it would not have been final until July 10 this year. Mrs. Ebersole said she is willing to accept her husband's explanation of the incident.

Ebersole was assigned to the Yukusuka naval base as a Public Relations Officer when he received orders to return to the United States. He said Miss Church, then research assistant in the Army Intelligence Service, received travel orders about the same time. He said they met previously and had mutual interest in Japanese culture, particularly in the Shinto religion.

Mumbled Words

He explained that a wealthy Japanese friend told him that he had arranged a beautiful Japanese going away ceremony. We thought that nice because both Miss Church and I are deeply interested in Shinto customs."

He added that they arrived in his friend's house and were ushered into a tapestry-hung room. A Shinto priest in flowing Oriental robes stood at one end of the room.

Ebersole said "he was mumbling words that we would not understand. Attendants were playing on flutes and sounding brasses. We just stood there. Several times, the priest bowed almost to the floor as the temple music continued."

"Then the priest handed Miss Church what was looked like a mimeographed piece of paper with Japanese characters on it. I don't know what it said. After the party Miss Church and I went to our respective quarters and shortly afterwards returned separately to the United States."

—United Press.

Herman Liu Memorial

Members of the Shanghai University Alumni in Hong Kong and their families met at the Chinese Club yesterday evening.

The occasion was a memorial service for the late Dr. Herman Liu, Chancellor of the University, who was killed by the Japanese in Shanghai in 1938, and also a send-off party to Mr. Nelson Hau on the eve of his departure to the Rotary International Convention.

In a short address, Mr. T. K. Hwang extolled the sterling qualities of Dr. Liu and of the part he played in the furtherance of Chinese education.

LOCAL ESTATES

Local estate, sworn under \$33,200, was left by the late John Runciman Hisset, Master Mariner, of the China Navigation Co., who died on board the ss. "Kwai Yang" on Sept. 13, 1946. An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate of the Will of the deceased has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, barrister-at-law, attorney for The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Ltd.

The late Alice Maxtone Wright Scott, the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and sometime of 148 Hyndland Road Glasgow and of Butterfield & Swire, Japan and latterly of 14 Westbourne Terrace, Glasgow, W. who died at Birkenhead, Cheshire, on Jan. 2, 1941, left local estate sworn under \$2,900. An application for re-sealing certified copy grant of Confirmation of Executors has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate of the Will of Katherine Fearon Barff, who died at Beach Hotel, Marine Parade, Worthing, Sussex, on Apr. 13, 1947, has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade. The deceased left local estate sworn under \$2,100.

Local estate, sworn under \$6,900, was left by the late Nina Louise Oswald, formerly of Fines, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, who died at The Homestead, Sayes Lane, Langford, Somerset, on Mar. 9, 1943. An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate of the Will of the deceased has been granted to Mr. D. B. Evans, Solicitor.

The late William Probyn Thompson, Bank Official, formerly of 183 Festubert St. City of Dundee in the County of Dundee, B. C. Canada, on Apr. 18, 1947, left local estate sworn under \$5,500. An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate of the Will of the deceased has been granted to Mr. W. G. G. Brown, Bank Official.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$329.00 a unit and closed at \$331.00. The rate went down to \$325 after the opening but recovered to \$332.57 1/2 shortly before the market closed.

U.S. dollars went down to 5.70 1/2 for notes and 5.74 for drafts. The rate was quoted at \$5.69 for cables and at \$5.68 for telegrams. Both opened and closed at \$11.55 a 100, with an interval at \$11.57 1/2.

Chinese National Currency was at 10 1/2 cents for futures and 11 1/2 cents for spot (for CNY10,000). The rate was unchanged at \$34.00 a 100. 1941 Quarters made slight climb to \$13.00 a 100.

Sterling was again unchanged at \$12.07 and so were Australian pounds at \$12.50.

GIRL ARTIST'S EXHIBITION

Miss Diana Kan, daughter of Mr. Kan Kam-shek, the well-known local Chinese artist, will hold an exhibition in Macao next month when she will have some 50 paintings on view.

Miss Kan who held her first exhibition at the age of 9, in the old National Salon in Shanghai, has also exhibited in Bangkok when her work was sold in aid of charity.

After her exhibition next month, Miss Kan plans to leave for California where she will study oil painting.

Gold In Coffee

Some \$225,583.98 worth of gold in the form of bars and rings, totalling 690.23 taels, were seized by Revenue Officers last Friday at 6.30 p.m. when the s.s. "Tsladane" arrived here from Java.

R/O. Redman told the Court at Central yesterday that in the wardrobe of Chan Shing, 33, he found a tin of coffee. Inside the tin were gold bars and rings, totalling \$120,791.83, weighing 364.93 taels.

Chan admitted that he had no import licence.

Defendant was bailed out at \$100, and had his bail estreated when he failed to appear in Court yesterday.

The gold was confiscated.

On a similar charge, two men who arrived by the s.s. "Tsladane" were remanded to Tuesday. Lee Nam-ping, 29, and Yip Fushing, are both represented by Mr. A. el Arculli.

Lee is alleged to have had 25 bars, valued at \$84,538, weighing 108 taels and 110 bars, valued at \$41,250, weighing 127.30 taels, and some gold coins.

WRONG SEASON TICKET

Stopped by Ferry Inspector Blackley as he was about to pass through the First Class entrance of the Hong Kong Star Ferry wharf at 9.45 a.m. on April 8, Chan Kwai, 48-year-old electrician, produced a season ticket issued in the name of Fung Sam.

Questioned by Mr. Blackley, Chan said that the ticket belonged to a foreman of the General Electric Co.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Chan was fined \$40. Inspector J. Oram prosecuted.

One Of Noblest Professions

"Being a nurse is one of the noblest of professions, yet to regard it purely as an occupation is not looking at it in the proper light or taking it in the proper spirit," said Mr. C. L. Hsu, Chairman of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, in the course of his speech at the Graduation Ceremony yesterday.

Present at the function were Lady Grantham, who distributed the certificates to the successful candidates, Mr. R. R. Todd, Dr. G. H. Thomas, O.B.E., Dr. C. W. Lam, and many others.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:—

"With the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, the responsibility of the nurses is particularly great. The Tung Wah Group, speaking as a whole, is not only a charitable hospital but also a 'Kai Fong' hospital. The patients are mostly of the poorer classes whose connection with the 'Kai Fong' is particularly close."

"Should the nurses fail to produce upon the minds of the patients good impressions, their neither the most unflinching effort on the part of the Directors nor any superior skill of the doctors will save the hospital from the folk people's unfavourable criticisms."

"If, unfortunately, such a state of affairs should exist, the financial help accorded the Hospital by the Government as well as the hard work of aid result achieved by the Directors would all be scattered to the wind."

"As a result, difficulties will arise productive of all sorts of obstacles to prevent the smooth operation of the Hospital, ending, inevitably, in local charity being dealt a severe and paralyzing blow."

In his address, Dr. C. W. Lam said in part:—

"The first nursing school was started at the Kwong Wah Hospital in 1922. The Tung Wah Hospital started theirs in 1927 and finally the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital in 1930."

"The probationer nurses are selected after a competitive examination which is held twice yearly according to the vacancies to be filled. These examinations are very popular considering that over 300 candidates appear for only 60 vacancies, let alone."

These nurses have to undergo a three-year course of training. The first year is devoted to general nursing, the second to special nursing, and the third to public health nursing.

examination after a year of training and for the Finals after completion of three years. On completion of their nurses' training, if they wish it, they continue with a year's midwifery course, before being allowed to take the Midwives' Board Examination.

"The Tung Wah Eastern Hospital was closed down during the Japanese occupation and was reopened in 1945. The probationers undergoing training in the other two hospitals during this period had to re-sit for their examination for their Hong Kong Government certificates."

"Since the liberation, 63 nurses have qualified. Of these, 36 were from Tung Wah Hospital, 26 from Kwong Wah and six from Tung Wah Western Hospital. The Tung Wah Hospital had 13 nurses obtaining credit marks in various subjects and the Kwong Wah Hospital had eight with credits."

Before Lady Grantham distributed the certificates, Mr. R. R. Todd said in part:—

"Like the chairman, I should like to congratulate the nurses who are to receive the certificates today. The chairman has already reminded them of their duty to humanity in the noble profession which they have chosen."

"Lady Grantham has asked me to say that they are a fine looking body of young ladies and indeed I almost wish that I could be a little bit ill so that I could come to the Tung Wah Hospital and be nursed by them."

"I am sure recovery of all their patients will be very rapid. After all their long years of training, I hope they will not too soon desert the profession of nursing for the even more noble profession of matrimony, but in any event, I wish them the best of luck in the years that lie ahead."

Chan Kwong, alias Chan Pui Kwong (29), ticket collector of the Peking Theatre, was remanded until a date on April 13 when he appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. Chan was charged with absconding with Queen while demanding money from him in the Nam Shing Co. April 8.

Peculiar Defendant

"That is most peculiar, when you had a previous conviction for larceny in 1946," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, to Lee Man (33) who pleaded that he did not know that it was an offence to bring opium and excessive Chinese currency into the Colony.

Lee was charged with possession of a tin of raw opium, and importing CN\$5,700,000 (valued at HK\$50) at the Ynamati Railway Station at 11 p.m. on April 9.

Defendant was fined \$100 (or four weeks' imprisonment), on the opium count, and cautioned on the excess currency charge. Both the opium and CN\$5,700,000 were ordered to be confiscated.

Revenue Officer Fowler prosecuted.

Siu Fung, 26-year-old married woman of 50 Macdonald Road, ground floor, was fined \$200 for possession of two taels of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station on April 9.

The case was heard before Mr. W. H. Latimer with Revenue Officer D. H. Knox prosecuting.

RAF Stage Thriller

The mere association of Edgar Wallace with "The Case of the Frightened Lady" is perhaps sufficient indication of the play's text, even should the title itself convey nothing. The action of the play moves from London to a remote village in the north of England after the discovery of murder. This involves an aristocratic household comprising of Lord Lebanon (D. Gail), a typically pampered son, Lady Lebanon (Sherry Letford), his mother, as crisp as she is cold, Alisa Crane (Joy Soutar) the "Frightened Lady" who tells a lot in her somnambular state, two footmen (Len Cosgrove and Eddie Gambrell) much too rude to be good, and Kevlar (Peter Sandom) a butler with the accomplishments of a diplomat.

The Kat Tak ADC, making its first bid for notice in local amateur dramatics introduced an exceptionally talented cast. It was unfortunate therefore, that the production lacked stagecraft.

Sydney Emberley does Sgt. Tolly with professional accuracy, his performance shaded here and there with faults in "anticipation." Incidentally, he is also the producer. Ian Soutar's Chief Insp. Tenner of the Yard is as calm as any Intelligent Officer can be. Douglas Gail as Lord Lebanon has a role which he performs with high skill. The striking contrast between the only two ladies on the stage, Lady Lebanon and Alisa Crane is the credit of Sherry Letford and Joy Soutar, respectively. The former meets the "imperturbable aloofness" of her role (a trifle underdone though) while the latter is flawless as "frightened lady."

Shadows brought about poor lighting tended to distract, while action was predominantly "upstage" with the resulting effect that the players were too frequently inaudible. Withal, this was a mighty fine effort of the KTADC.—Kimberley.

Blackmail Charge

According to the Shamshui Police, Li Yung (22), Li Ngau (27), Li Kat (30), Li Yan (33), and 23-year-old married woman Ho Ying, are something out of the ordinary run of blackmailers for they not only allegedly demanded \$80,000 from Li Cheung-wan, and \$50,000 from Fung Tung-hoi but also asked the former for six Sten guns and 12 automatic pistols, and the latter for 12 automatic pistols.

This was revealed when the five appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with (a) sending a threatening letter to Li on March 25 asking for the Sten guns, automatic pistols and \$50,000; (b) demanding with menace the sum of \$10,000 from Li between March 25 and April 8; and (c) sending a threatening letter to Pang asking for the automatic pistols and \$30,000 on March 31.

Li Yung was described as a travelling trader, residing at Room 404 New Asia Hotel, 351 Nathan Road; Li Ngau, also as a travelling trader, at 207 Yu Chau Street, ground floor, Ip Kat, as a travelling trader, residing at Room 404 New Asia Hotel, 351 Nathan Road; Li Yan as unemployed who, with Ho Ying, resided at Room 410 New Asia Hotel.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector D. B. Roberts, defendants were remanded for three days in custody.

TEACHER'S GOLD

Lee Hung-kai, 39, teacher, had a 5-tael gold bar valued at \$1,000, confiscated by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The gold, said R. O. Fowler, was found in the pocket of a greatcoat inside defendant's suit case (after accused had stated the gold had nothing to do with him) at the K.C.R. Station at 1.30 p.m. on April 9.

Accused pleaded that he was en route to Cheung King (Sze-yee) from Canton and did not know the law of Hong Kong.

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"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Office of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Sunday, 25th April

A meeting is to be held at the COSMO CLUB 37A CONNAUGHT ROAD on Monday 12th April at 5.30 p.m. to make arrangements for this year's ANZAC DAY Ceremony.

All Australians and New Zealanders in Hong Kong are cordially invited to attend.

Submarine Developing On Entirely New Lines

Pearl Harbour, Apr. 9.
Admiral D. C. Ramsay, Commander of United States Naval forces in the Pacific, told United Press today that American submarines are capable of development along entirely new lines as weapons of warfare.

He said that submarines at present may be envisaged as a floating platform for guided missiles capable of effecting a silent undersea approach to an enemy coast-line under the cover of night. They could then surface to bombard inland targets (missile ranges are constantly increasing) with a buzz bomb or its still more powerful supersonic successor, the V-2, directed in flight by the night-seeing eye of radar.

Ramsay refused to specify areas in which submarines, presumably Russian, were reported to have been sighted. He said: "We naturally investigate all such reports carefully. Any nation has the right to operate any vessel in any sea as far as we are concerned providing that they stay outside the limit of our territorial waters, keep out of restricted areas and take no belligerent action."

There is an indication that submarines off Pearl Harbour are operating on training cruises and other missions at present in all parts of the Pacific, although Ramsay does not say so. Ramsay said that a radio-guided rocket and a submarine are a lethal combination from every standpoint. There is no recoil from firing a guided missile and a submarine could be suitable for a launching platform.

Ramsay conveyed the impression that there perhaps is already a more effective type of guided missile than the supersonic V-2. He said: "We are doing certain experimentation with other types of guided missiles."

The question of whether any submarine in the world could carry and project an atomic bomb goes not only unanswered but unasked. The atom bomb is on the strict security list at Pearl Harbour; particularly with tests similar to those of Bikini believed to be underway at Eniwetok. Bikini test observers recall, however, that none of the five bombs so far detonated by the United States has been used as a projectile or warhead in a torpedo.

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Rain Makers Out Of Luck

(Continued from Page 1)
It was intended to "bomb" a cloud over Kai Tak airport, but the type of cloud covering the field was not suitable. Clouds inland were of better type but their low bases obscured hills, making observation of the effect of the experiment hazardous.

Halls picked a likely cumulus cloud over the sea near Cape D'Aguiar.

In A Lump

When he attempted to release the ice by sideslipping and allowing it to drop from a trapdoor built into the fuselage, he found the articles had joined together in one lump.

He had to break it up with one hand, while piloting the machine with the other.

The cumulus cloud, said Halls, had a fairly good 2,000 feet and rose to 7,000 feet.

The temperature at 6,000 feet gauged by a psychrometer or wet and dry-bulb thermometer strapped to fitting below the wing was 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

Where rain has been produced artificially elsewhere, dry ice has usually been dropped on top of "clouds" towering to about 20,000 feet where a temperature in the vicinity of minus-12 degrees Fahrenheit turns the water vapour into ice crystals, facilitating the effect of the dry ice.

The dry ice increases the cloud's instability, causing greater condensation and making possible a precipitation in the form of snow or rain.

Halls said he observed a small cap appear on the cloud after the ice was dropped. He could not say whether the instability indicated was caused by the dry ice.

Chambers said flying conditions became slightly bumpy after the ice was dropped.

Thompson said he did not notice the ice being dropped as he had no warning due to failure of radio communication between the two planes. As far as he could see, nothing untoward happened.

He added that he was very dubious of the result being achieved on that scale.

The aircraft stayed in the vicinity for approximately ten minutes.

According to reports from scientists who conducted similar experiments successfully, the dry ice reacts on favourable cumulus clouds immediately.

An anvil-shaped peak appears but precipitation does not occur for about 20 minutes.

The mechanical fault in Halls' plane and lack of communication made longer observation impossible.

Only a few junks were seen in the area.

This was the second time an attempt has been made in the Colony to produce artificial rain. Several years ago Professor M. H. Rorty dropped powdered kerosene on clouds over Hong Kong without success.

Ceremony At School For The Deaf

The \$300,000-Hong Kong School for the Deaf at Diamond Hill, Kowloon, was blessed by the Bishop of Hong Kong yesterday before a large gathering.

Hymns and prayers were conducted by Bishop Hall, assisted by Rev. Cheung Shiu-kwai. The combined choir of All Saints' Church and Holy Trinity Church was present.

Among those present were Rev. J. Ogilvie, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Miss A. Hurrell, M.A., Headmistress of Doceana Girls' School, Misses B. M. Pope, Chairman of the Provisional Council for the Deaf, W. I. Griffin, Council Member, L. W. Li, Headmistress of the School, R. Ngong Fung, V. D. A. Sileckis, D. Wise, B. N. Sileckis, Mrs. F. Baker, Mrs. F. Wakefield, Mr. H. J. Asche, Mr. P. K. Kwok and staff members of the Heep Yunn School, the temporary headquarters of the Deaf School.

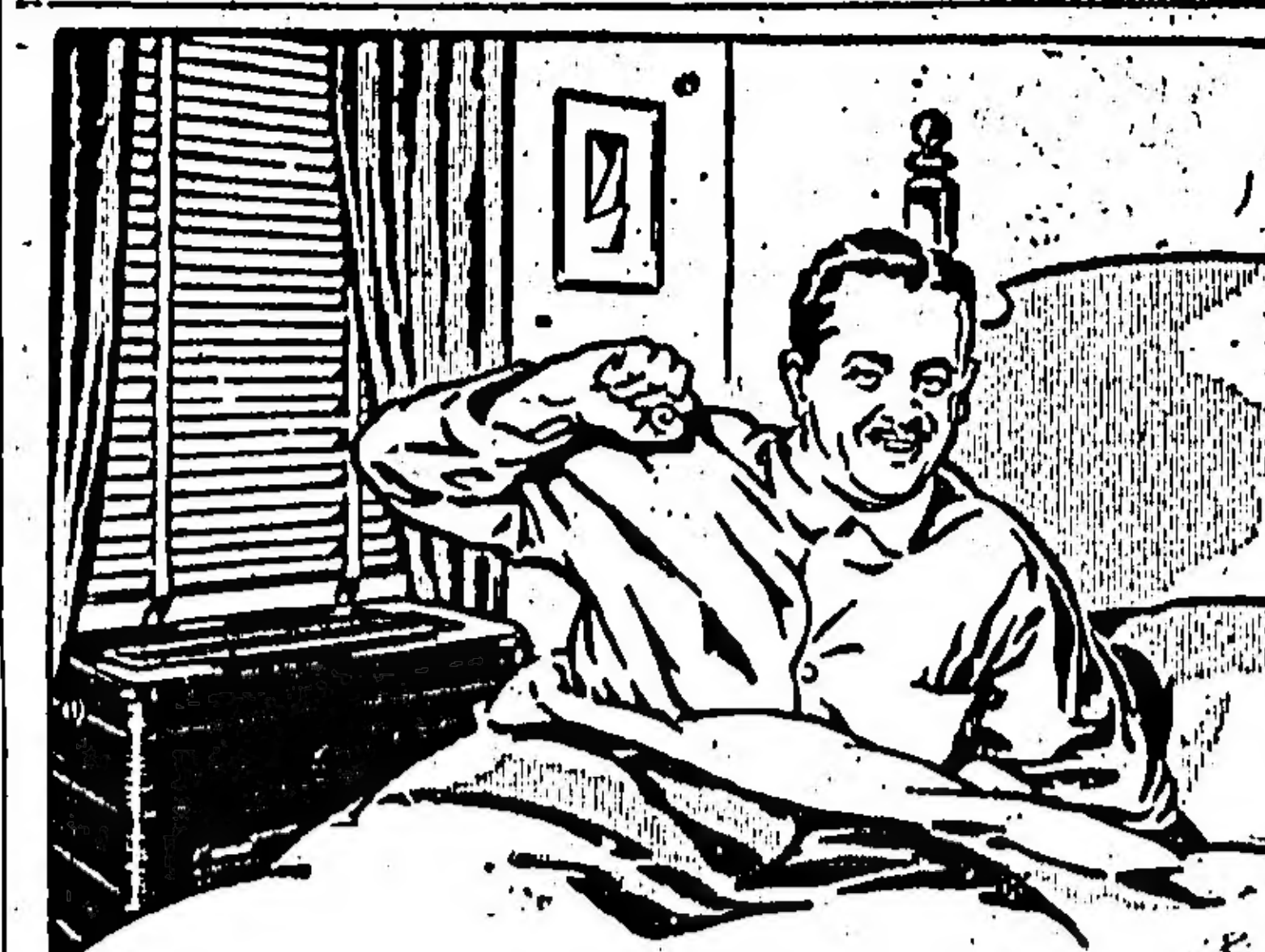
"Trees" which were "bought" at \$50 as donations to the School Fund were planted by those present.

Bishop Hall in his address commended the work of Miss Pope, Miss Li and Miss Griffin, whom he termed the prime movers of the enterprise. He told the gathering that the site, which was presented to the School by the Government, was the reward for the "prayer, vision and faith" of the three ladies.

Miss Pope said that so far \$31,396.83 had been collected for the Fund and \$100,000 promised by the Education Department. She said that \$140,000 still had to be collected for the site and building costs.

The proposed school, Miss Pope said, will have a basketball court, the school building which will accommodate the children and staff, and a clinic, which will have an "audiometer" to test the ears sent to the school by doctors.

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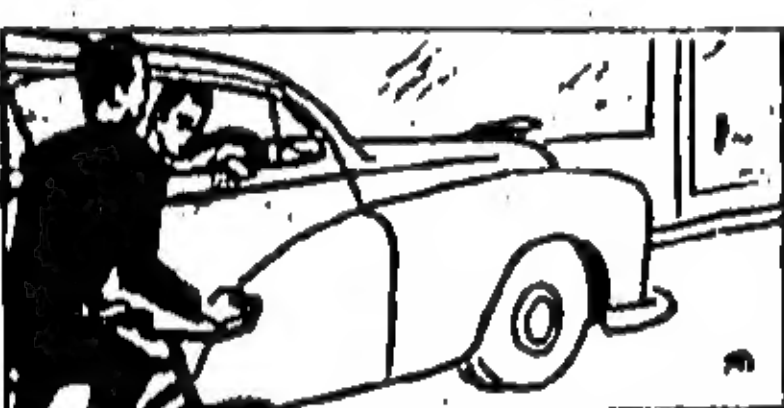
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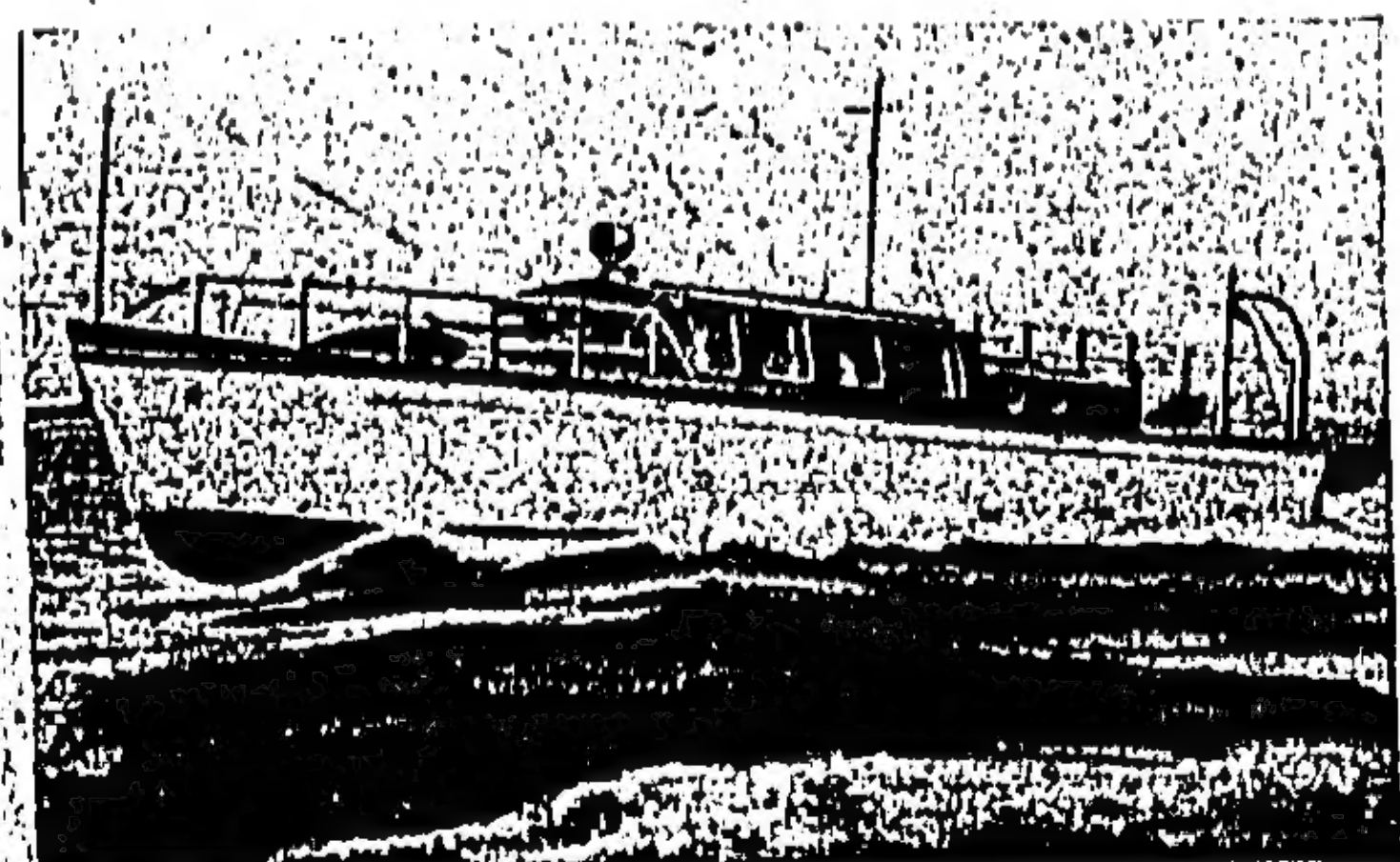
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

The Press

By ARTHUR GEE

Ginever, May 10.

Resolutions on the duties of the General Public towards

journalists were passed today at the United Nations' Freedom of the Press Conference. A Trumanian resolution that the teaching in schools of the difference between news and publicity be encouraged was carried with acclamation.

Opening the debate, Sir Strawberry Shortcake, the delegate from Albion, pointed out that as the General Public expected the Press to print the truth, it was therefore an obligation on the General Public to give reporters the full facts of any case or matter of news value. Dr. Sze Yu-chum, of Sikkim, pointed out it was sometimes difficult to differentiate between publicity and news.

Sir Strawberry Shortcake: "Not if you remember the axiom laid down by a leading Albionian press chief: 'If they want to put it in the paper, it's publicity; if they don't, it's news!' To which I might add one of my own: 'The more someone wants a story kept out, the greater the news value!'"

Mr. Axel Greis, of Mossland, dodging his bull-pointed Parkin, suggested that the conference would be failing in its essential need for the General Public to give the facts to journalists without prejudice and in their proper context, and to make comments without malicious intent. The General Public was in the habit of criticising the Press for printing glib and inaccurate reports; but in the final analysis, it was the General Public that was to blame, as it was the source from which reporters got their information.

TWO CLASSES.

This point of view was strongly supported by the Trumanian delegate, Mr. Cyrus T. Gumme, Ph.D. As proprietor of a large chain of newspapers in Trumania, he found that the General Public could be divided into two classes:—(A) Those with something to sell, ranging from motor cars to charity ball tickets—who queued up outside his office trying to get free space in the paper; and (B) Those who had the fact about some item of news, and who locked their doors and were out when he called. Often, one man could be in both classes alternately.

Seconded by M. T. de Sulte, of the Republic of Suvaivale, he put forward a resolution that it should be made an important part of high school education (or that special attention be paid in the question of news and publicity and that no one should be kept in ignorance of the difference. This was carried by a majority, with M. Nanette, of Stalinopolis, abstaining.

It was also decided at the conference to set up a fund, the proceeds of which would be used to provide an annual cash prize to be bestowed on any man or woman who had not once, in the twelve months preceding the award, gone to a newspaper and then said:—"There's nothing in the paper today."

A suggestion by M. Nanette that an international General Public card should be issued, the holders of which would be carefully screened and empowered to withhold facts from the Press on the grounds that they were too busy or did not wish any publicity on matters concerning them, was left in abeyance until the conference had decided whether or not an international Council should be set up to distribute such a card.—Amalgamated Agencies.

DUTIES AND RIGHTS.

The above somewhat heavy bit of sarcasm is, of course, inspired by the recent conferences on the subject of the duties and rights of journalists. People are always ready to criticise the press and tell what it should do; to hear them talk, you'd think the press made a hobby of getting its facts wrong or trying to start wars, and that it was staffed entirely by illiterate, irresponsible morons. People who know nothing more of the Press other than that they pay 20 cents for 12 or more sheets of news from the four corners of the world and squawk if it isn't up to the minute, think nothing of telling the Press what it should do.

Criticism is always to the good, of course, and I should be the last to suggest that it should be stopped. But I think the critics should remember that New Testament story which contains the phrase "He who is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone" (quotation from memory only, but I think it's a fair paraphrase). Nine times out of ten, if the facts are wrong—and every attempt is made to get them right—it's because some member of the public, either deliberately or carelessly, has given them to the Press in that form.

Most people expect the Press to give them "all the news that's fit to print," with the reservation that if it affects them adversely it should be kept out. On the other hand, if one extended this same line of favourable treatment to a business rival of theirs, or an enemy, they'd immediately start yelling their heads off about

a biased press, censorship and what have you.

It's really annoying, for instance, to have someone ring up and say "such and such" a story on Page something-or-other is not accurate, after one had spent hours the previous night trying to find someone who had the facts and was prepared to talk. Sometimes the reporter is lucky and can force the issue.

LUCKY

I remember, as a cub reporter in Shanghai, being sent around to a major shipping company to get details of a fire on board one of their ships in the Yangtze. I got pushed around from Manager to Marine Superintendent and from one office to another. We'd got a few details from the grapevine, but these were generally subject to a high percentage of error. Eventually, I got to see the Captain himself—I was a keen type those days.

"We don't want any publicity about it at all," he said. "I'm not asking for publicity," I replied, "but there are a number of Shanghai folk on that ship and their friends here are entitled to know the facts." He glowered and more or less echoed old Rockefeller's famous "the public be damned." He bade me good morning and started shuffling the papers on his desk.

"O.K.," I said, as I got up to go, "but I'm only a cub, and I'll get merry antics from the News Editor if I go back without a story. I don't intend that to happen. If you won't give me the accurate story, I'll pick up what facts I can, they may not be accurate—but accurate or not, there'll be a story in the paper tomorrow!" The bluff worked, fortunately—principally because he didn't realise that although the News Editor would have unveiled me out if I hadn't brought in the story, who play Egg, and proved last summer in the said one-act shows that she had the talent and versatility required to put the

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Lady Middleton... exerted herself to ask Mr. Fokner if there was any news in the paper.

"No, none at all," he replied, and read on.—Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice."

HAMILTON: "What news?"

ROSEMERANTZ: "None, my Lord, but that the world's grown bontat."

HAMILTON: "Then is doomsday near."

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."—Proverbs, xxi.20.

"For there is good news yet to hear and fine things to be seen."

"Before we go to Paradise by way of Kensal Green."—G. K. Chesterton, "The Rolling English Road."

"The newspapers! Sir, they are the most villainous—licentious—abominable—infamous! Not that I ever read them—no—I make it a rule never to look into a newspaper."—Sheridan, "The Critic."

"Y" PLAY

Rehearsals are now in progress for "Peg o' My Heart," which has the distinction of appearing in Van Cartmell's anthology "Standing Room Only" as "one of the ten best American plays of all time."

Some of you may have seen Laurette Taylor's interpretation of the title role, she subsequently married the playwright, J. Hartley Manners, if you're interested in background information.

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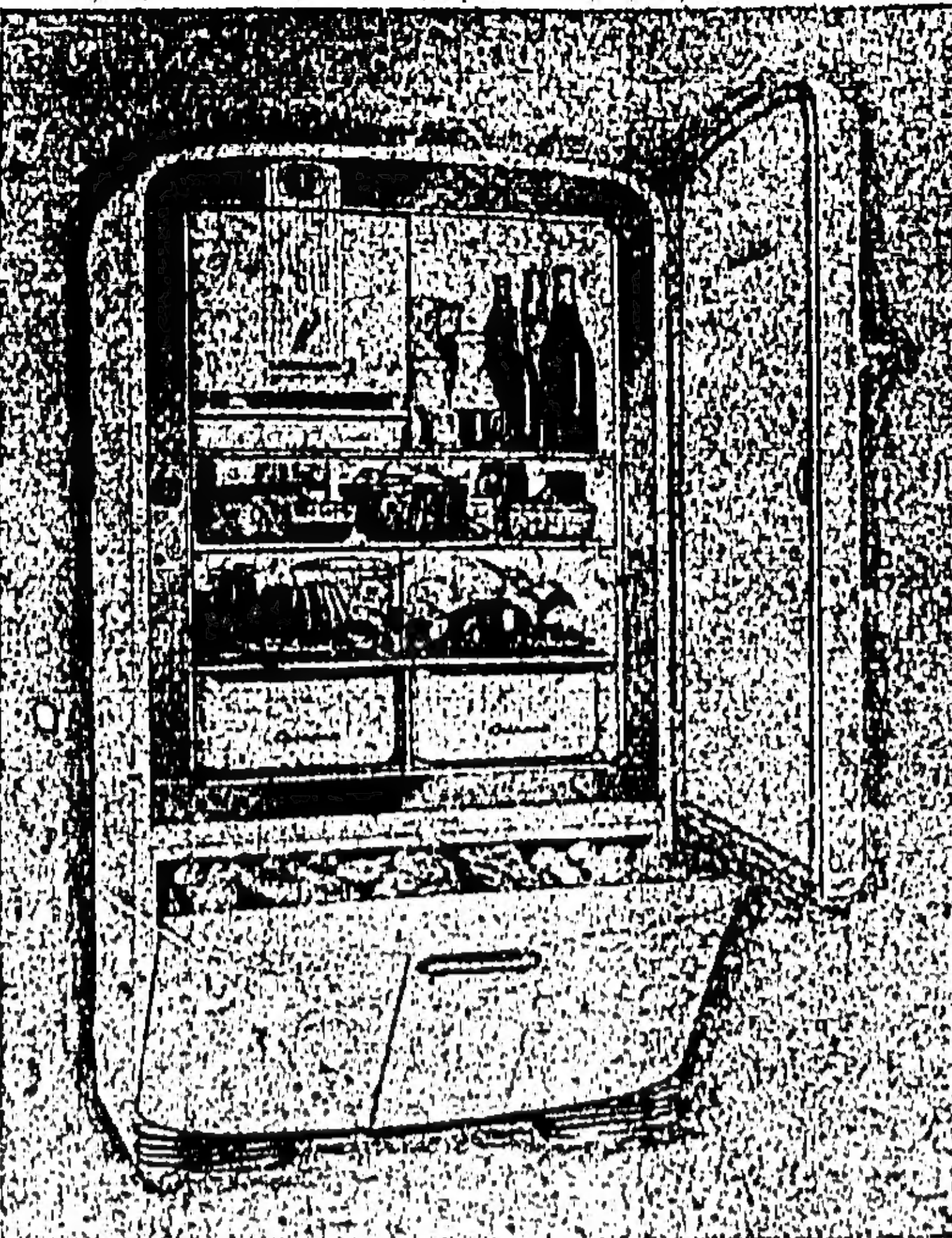
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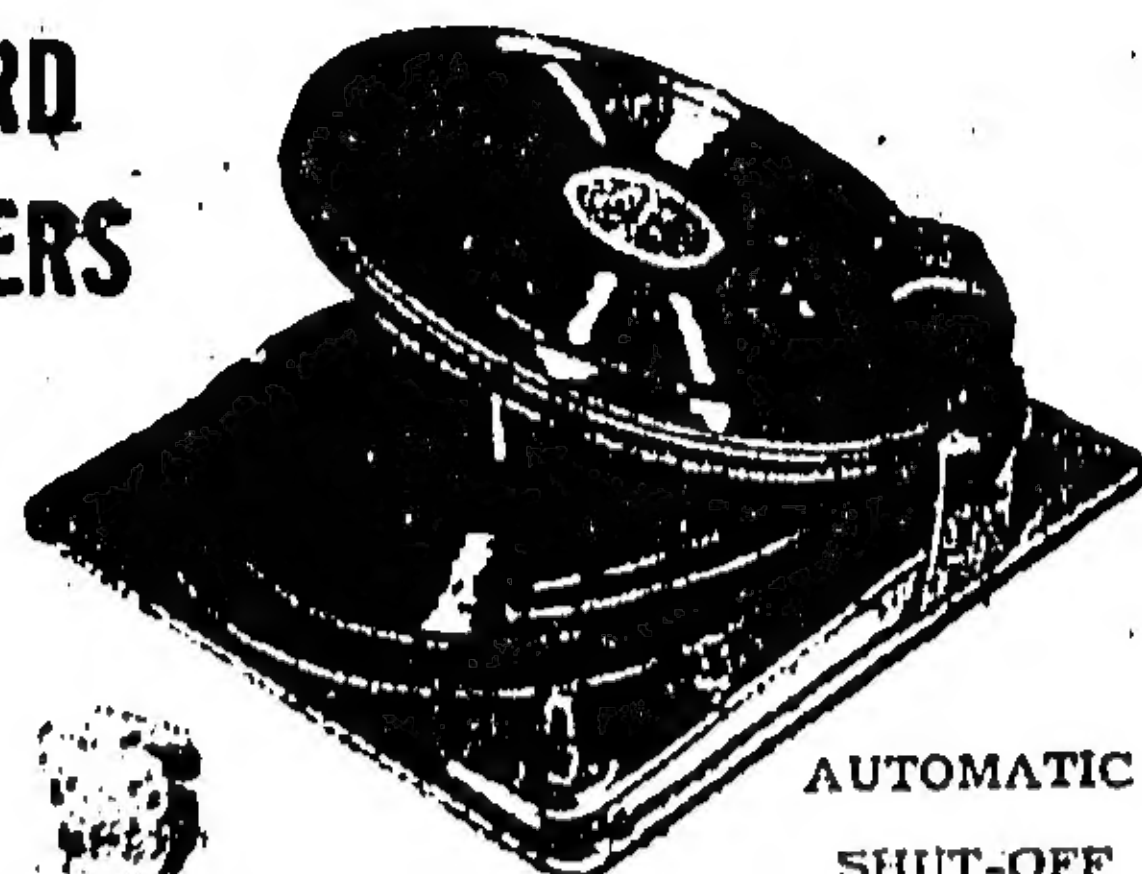
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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

"GUADALCANAL DIARY"

AUTHOR.
Visiting Hong Kong as part of a world coverage assignment for the Philadelphia magazine "True" is Mr. Richard Tregaskis, American author and much travelled war correspondent. His itinerary will include 43 countries and will not be completed until next Autumn.

Mr. Tregaskis is the author of "Guadalcanal Diary"—which many people in Hong Kong will remember also as a film—and he



MR. RICHARD TREGASKIS.

has written two other books compiled from war experiences. They are "Invasion Diary"—a non-fiction work dealing with the Mediterranean campaign and a novel, entitled "Stronger Than Fear" concerning the Western Front.

Mr. Tregaskis, whose name is of Cornish origin, left America at the end of October and has so far visited Australia, New Zealand, India in Java, Singapore and Siam. In New Zealand he took time off to do some trout fishing, deer hunting and pig sticking and for a short time lived in an out-of-doors life, sleeping in the open and washing his clothes in streams.

This is his first trip to Hong Kong and he intends to spend another two weeks here gathering information about piracy for his magazine. Mr. Tregaskis confessed he was surprised to find Hong Kong possessing so many material comforts and says it is the most impressive town from that point of view in the Far East.

From Hong Kong he will make a trip to Shanghai and return here to begin a journey to India, Egypt and the Mediterranean. He is hoping that Mrs. Tregaskis, who is at present in America, will be able to join up with him some-

where in Europe. Since their marriage in 1941, both the war and his correspondent duties, have conspired to keep them intermittently apart. As a previous correspondent for the news agency I.N.S. and also the "Saturday Evening Post," Mr. Tregaskis alternated between the various fronts. For the first part of the war he was attached to the Navy and took part in the battle of Midway. Later he went to the Solomon Islands and also to Tokyo with the Doolittle Force. He spent some time too, with the British 8th and 2nd armies in Europe. Since his departure from America, Mr. Tregaskis has sent back detailed articles for publication in "True." This magazine is mainly for men, and has the largest world circulation in its particular category, with 4,000,000 readers.

ABOARD THE "AL GUDAN."
Mr. W. Ritchie, Asst. Director of the Police Special Branch, left Hong Kong with Mrs. Ritchie and their 11-year-old daughter Gillian on Thursday aboard the "AL GUDAN" to begin a six months' leave in England. Their son



PROFESSOR AHMED ALI.

Peter, aged 16, is already in London attending the St. Lawrence College in Ramsgate and they intend to visit him on their arrival in the country.

Later they will spend some time in Norfolk and also visit their families in Blackpool and Southsea. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie have been many years in Hong Kong. Mr. Ritchie first arrived here in 1922 while Mrs. Ritchie came in 1923 from Ceylon where she had been schoolteaching. She is attached to the staff of the

Peak School here. During the occupation the Ritchies were in Australia and they returned on the Colony's liberation. Mr. Ritchie is proceeding on leave on medical grounds.

RETURNING TO ENGLAND.

The Right Rev. Michael Chang, D. D., Bishop of Fukien, who spent Holy Week and Easter staying in the Church Guest House with his Chaplain the Rev. Moses Hsieh, left for England on Sunday last by BOAC. Bishop Chang hopes to attend the Lambeth conference and the celebrations in connection with the 150th anniversary of the Church Missionary Society. He also hopes to be present at the Irish Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam at the end of August.

Bishop Chang was educated in China, America and England. He was ordained deacon in 1921 by the Bishop of Ohio and later became a curate in Hong Kong, near London. He is connected with three leaders of the Anglican Communion, having been ordained by an American Bishop, been priested by an Irish Bishop and having worked as a clergyman both in the Church of England and in the Church of China.

His present Diocese of Fukien is a daughter diocese of Victoria and South China. It was separated in 1906 with the Rev. Ince as its first Bishop. Hong Kong gave Fukien its third Bishop, the Right Rev. Christopher Surgen, who was headmaster of the Lutheran Boys School in Hong Kong.

PROFESSOR AHMED ALI.

On his way from Nanking to Karachi, Professor Ahmed Ali, English scholar and novelist, has just passed through Hong Kong. As British Council Visiting Professor, he had been lecturing on English literature at the National Central University in Nanking for 12 months. Professor Ali is a member of a family of scholars whose home until September 1947 was in Delhi but who had to move over to Pakistan after the events in the city last year. He was born in Delhi in 1908 and educated at the Aligarh Muslim University and graduated from the Lucknow University. He has lectured in six Universities in India and China, and is expected to take over the Principalship of the Dacca College in Eastern Pakistan on his return. During the war, Professor Ali joined the EBC as Listener Research Director and was organizer of the EBC's offices in India until 1945. He then joined the Senior Educational Service of the Bengal Government and became head of

the Department of English at the Presidency College in Calcutta, when he was invited by the British Council to come out to China.

Some Hong Kong radio listeners may remember that while passing through in February last year, he broadcast on Urdu Poetry over 2BW. Professor Ali's novel "Twilight in Delhi" was published in 1940 and earned high praise from the eminent critic, E. M. Forster and Edwin Muir.



BISHOP MICHAEL CHANG.

He has another novel in the press in London along with an Anthology of Urdu poetry in English translation. He has also published about five volumes of short stories in Urdu. His critical book on the Poetry of T. S. Eliot was published by the Lucknow University.

NEWS ABOUT WOMEN.

Women are at present playing a large part in the Health Service of Hong Kong. The authorities reveal that altogether 411 are employed in Government hospitals and dispensaries. They comprise 15 doctors, 77 matrons and nursing sisters, 240 nurses, 33 midwives, 23 public vaccinators, 10 almoners and 11 others. In addition many more women are employed in institutions under private control or receiving grants-in-aid from Government, plus a large number of qualified nurses and midwives who are not attached to any institution. Although there are no voluntary workers in the Health Division, volunteer clerical assistance would be welcomed in connection with Mass X-ray units and also in the Infant Welfare Clinics. A supervisor and training officer for health visitors has recently been appointed and it is anticipated that Hong Kong will soon be able to fulfil what is considered a modern necessity in most cities.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

On behalf of the President of the Republic of China, Commissioner T. W. Kwok will present the insignia of the Order of the Brilliant Star to the Rev. Bishop Hall, M. C. at a short ceremony to take place in Mr. Kwok's home at noon tomorrow. The British Government has granted Bishop Hall unrestricted permission to wear the Order with Flaque.

Hong Kong's "Grand Old Man," Sir Robert Ho Tung, is due to arrive at Kai Tak airport by Pan American plane from San Francisco, at lunch-time today. Sir Robert, who is 87 years old, made his first air trip when he left the Colony in October last for a holiday visit to America.

Mr. Jerry O'Donnell, Pan American Manager in Hong Kong arrived back in the Colony on Friday after paying a short routine visit to his company's offices in San Francisco.

Inside The British Communist Party

By
DOUGLAS HYDE

former news editor of the "Daily Worker."

After 20 years as a Communist Party member I have thrown in my hand.

For 20 years I have watched Communism in action from the inside. I watched the party leaders turning somersaults to keep in line with directives from Russia. The Daily Worker is the chief propagandist organ of the party. Its editorial board contains a number of well-known names: the Dean of Canterbury, Professor Haldane, Sean O'Casey, Arthur Horner, and Beatrice Lehmann.

But they are little more than figureheads in determining policy. What goes into the paper is decided by Editor Bill Rust and the Communist Party H.Q. in King-street, W.C.

Where do the party leaders get their day-to-day policy from and their long-term directives? That is a question a great many people are curious about their orders in the post from Moscow. But by carefully following the columns of Pravda and listening to Moscow radio they ensure that they do not find themselves out of step.

Left Guessing

Their policy is sometimes switched overnight. When the Cominform first met, the British party leaders were left guessing for several weeks.

Then came one of those right-about-turns for which Communism is famed. The Daily Worker had been campaigning for increased production in the factories and for a solution of industrial disputes by other than strike action for quite a long period prior to last November.

On November 20, on instruction from me as news editor, one of my reporters wrote a three-column story headline: "Real Men are Speeding Up Deliveries of Coal."

It went into the first edition and should normally have remained in all editions—a first-class story, right on the party line. But soon after the first edition had gone to press the editor ordered the story to be thrown out. Reason: It was a "sunshine" story and for political reasons, such stories must not appear in the Daily Worker.

No Humanity

The truth is that, broadly speaking, there are two types of British Communist leaders. First

Politik beloved by the party rank and file, is warmly human, sympathetic, approachable.

But behind the ex-boilermaker are cold, analytical brains who have no use for such humanity. They are the men for whom Marx's science takes precedence over every human emotion. These men have devoted their lives to extending Communism. They do not look for money as the gain. They are content with

Russian gold, though there have been times when some party members wished there was.

For me, personally, the wheel has turned a full circle. I joined the party in 1928, when I was 18. Marx's science was heading for the first world economic crisis.

I was full of idealism and high hopes. To me it seemed that Russia was the one ray of light in a dark and threatening world.

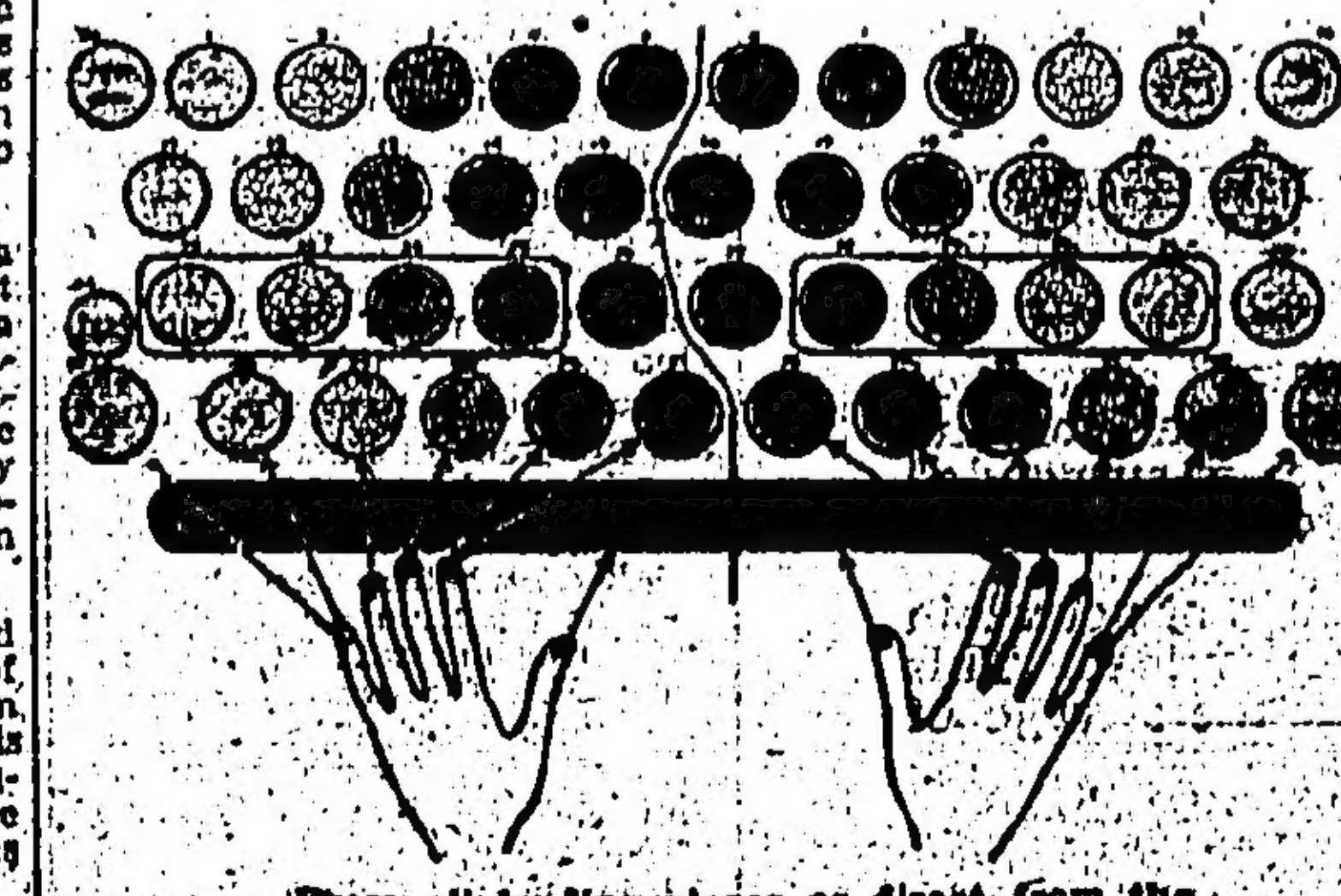
I left the party to become a Christian at a moment when the world is in the throes of an even greater crisis. My experience has taught me that the way out does lie with Communism.

But even the ones now "on top" have to watch the step of the main reasons for the setting up of the Cominform was to bring some of these leaders back into step with Russian policy. They had begun to stray.

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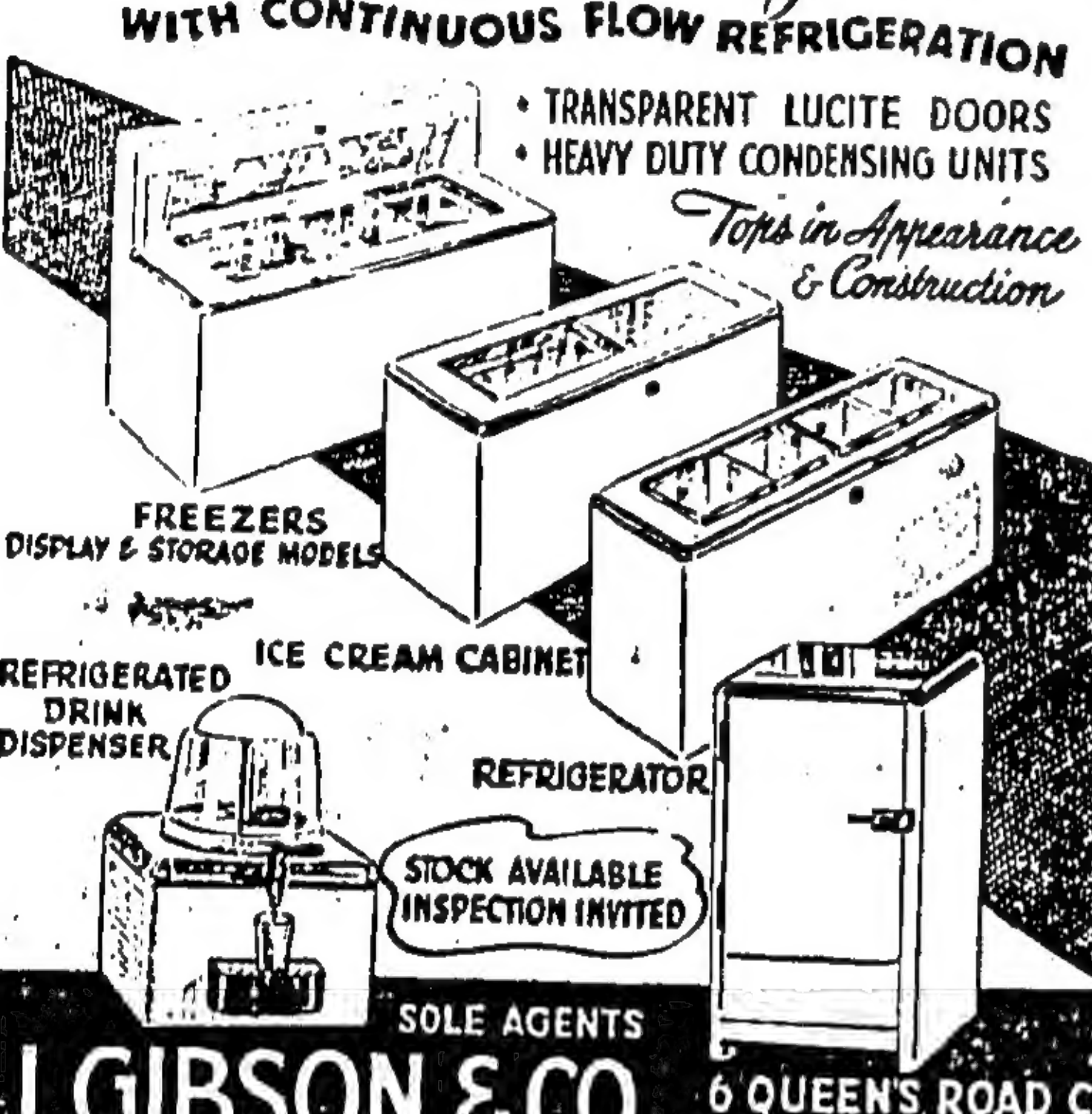
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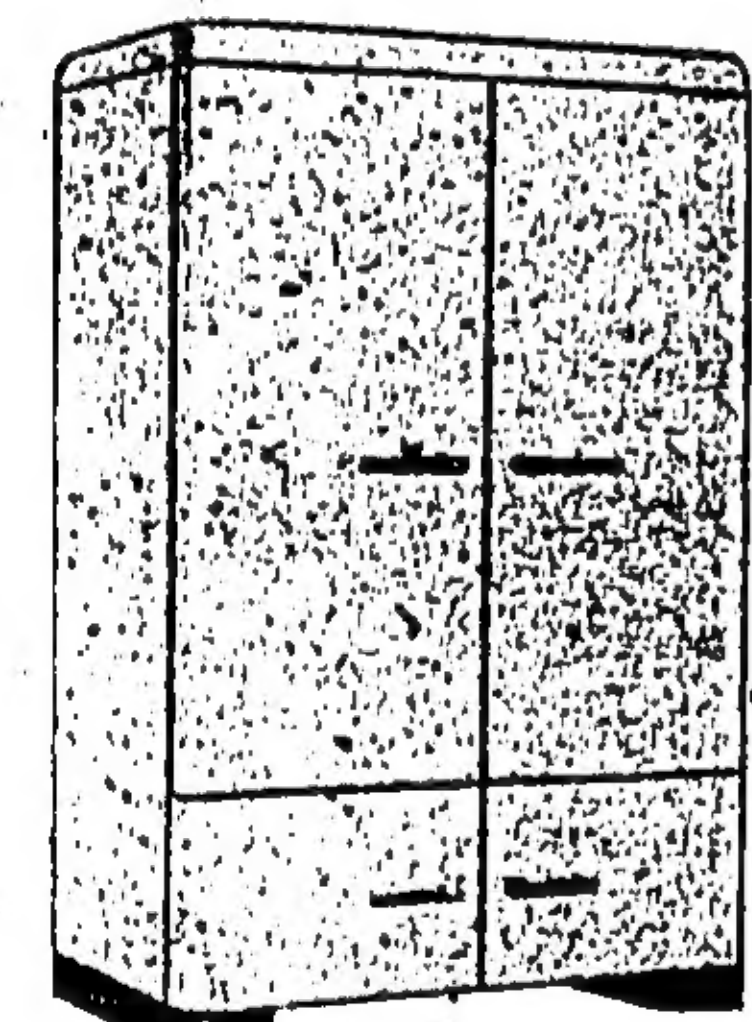
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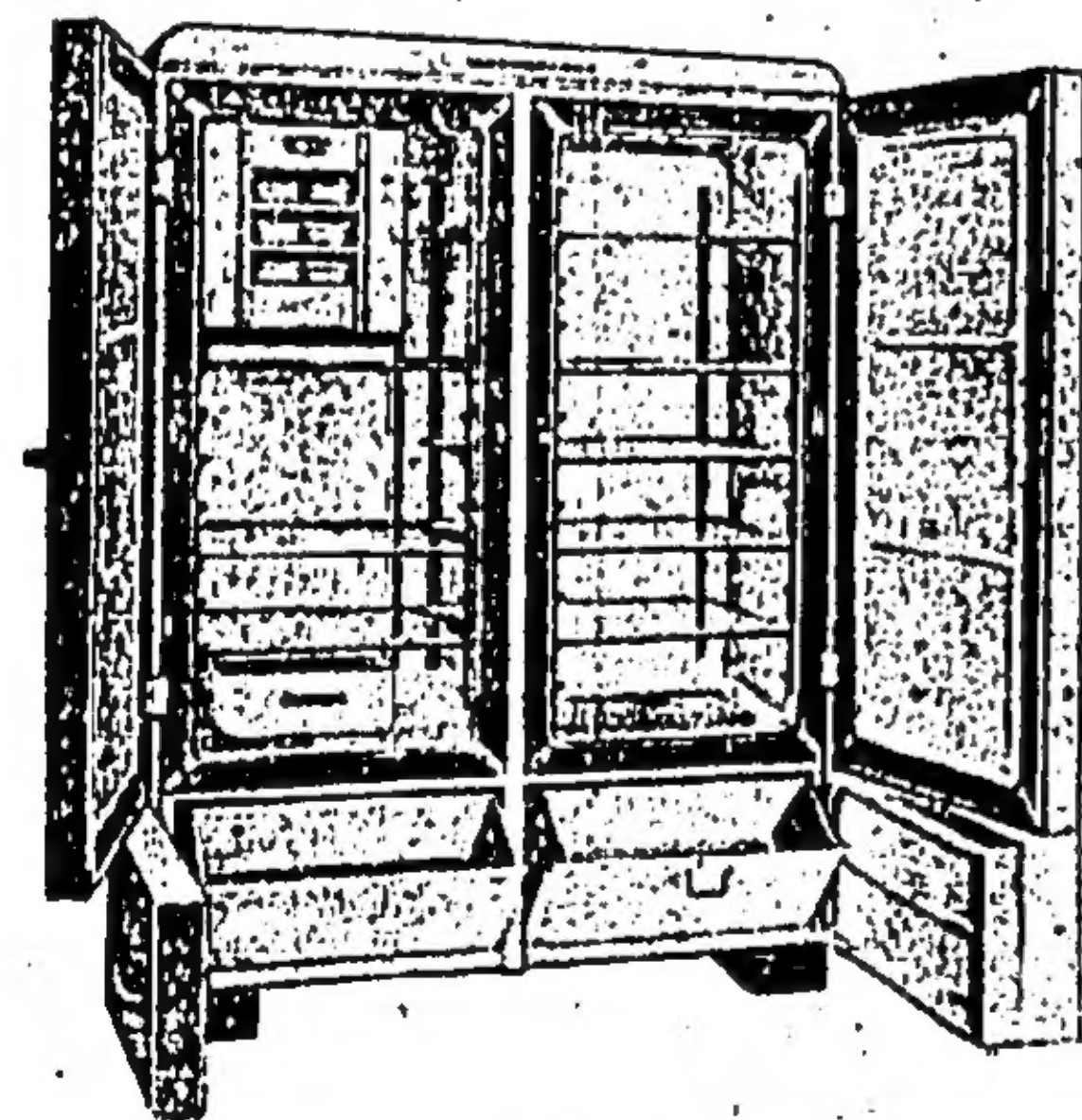
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MUFTI OF JERUSALEM IS NOT DISMAYED

Comment On Death Of Arab Chief

(By SAM SOUKI)

Bairut, Apr. 9.

The underlings who people the Damascus court of the Mufti of Jerusalem approached their leader with hesitation.

They bore bad news. The Mufti's nephew, swash-buckling Abdel Kader Hussein, handsome, self-confident leader of the Arab forces in the Jerusalem district, had died in battle.

The bearded Haj Amin el Hussein merely smiled. "We should congratulate ourselves," the Mufti declared, "upon this brave leader's death because few are granted the blessing of dying in Jihad (holy war)."

When Jerusalem had confirmed that Abdel had been killed in the Arab struggle to retake the city from the Jews, Haj Amin turned to the dozens of persons who crowded into his room, and said: "I offer you condolences on the death of a fighter."

This was the Mufti's way of assuring the crowd Abdel had not merely been a member of the Mufti's family but belonged to all Arabdom.

"We should not be dismayed by his death," said the Mufti. "Rather, we should congratulate ourselves on the way he died."

The Mufti, although affected, remained the calmest of those in

the room and comforted those around him. The Syrian President, the Premier and other notables trooped to his side to present their condolences.

Last Interview

Abdel granted this correspondent what probably was his last interview.

On Monday, just before he rushed off to the city, he told me in Damascus: "In the near future my actions will speak more eloquently than any words."

The handsome fighter was shabbily dressed and evidently had come straight from the fighting zone to the city. He wore a sweater, and the muzzle of his revolver poked out the rough wool. His shoes were muddy and his face drawn.

He was overheard to say to a couple of his lieutenants: "We are waiting time here, indicating he was anxious to depart for Palestine instead of attending further conferences in Damascus."

Confidant

When I interviewed him, he said confidently:

"I'm leaving for Palestine as soon as I can and actions will speak more eloquently than words. We'll continue fighting the Jews and defeating them. Look me up at my headquarters at Abud in Jerusalem and I'll show you deeds instead of giving you words."

Then he smiled. That night he left for the Holy Land, carrying with him plans for an Arab counter-attack against the Jews at Kasteel. There he died without knowing that his plans would be good enough to return Kasteel, at least temporarily, to Arab hands.—United Press.

Nobel Peace Prize

Oslo, Apr. 9.

The late Mr. Gandhi was one of the eighteen proposed candidates for the Nobel Prize, whose names were published today by the Norwegian Nobel Institute.

Marshal Stalin was also on the list. The only British nominee was Lieutenant-General J.H. Morgan, member of the International Diplomatic Academy. Others named included M. V. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister; Dr. Eduard Benes, Czechoslovak President; Pope Pius XII; and President Truman.

Two international bodies—the Bureau International de la Paix and the World Federation of United Nations Associations—have also been proposed for the Prize, due to be awarded on December 10, anniversary of Dr. Nobel's death.—Reuter.

Premunably Reuter means the Nobel Peace Prize. There are actually five Nobel prizes each year, for Physics; Chemistry; Medicine or Physiology; Literature; and Peace. Approximate value, £8,400.

Anglo-French Trade

Paris, Apr. 9.

France will send considerably more goods to Britain this year than last year, the Anglo-French Permanent Economic Committee announced today.

There will be no increased export of non-essential British goods to France, the Committee decided, because the French have less Sterling available now than when an increase was decided on last December.

At a session which ended in Paris today, the Committee studied proposals to increase the amount of Sterling at the disposal of France and submitted them to the two Governments.

It did not disclose what the proposals are. This year France will get about £80,000,000 more in goods from Britain than she can pay for.—Associated Press.

Conscription In U.S.A.

Washington, Apr. 9.

Plans for mobilising 1,944,000 men into the American services were outlined in the Conscription Bill, drafted by the House Armed Services sub-committee, published today.

The Bill does not include the provision for universal military training requested by President Truman. It provides for the conscription of men of 18 to 31 to be distributed as follows:

The Army—up to 782,000; the Navy—up to 550,000; the Marine Corps—up to 110,000; the Air Force—up to 602,000.—Reuter.

BLANKET AMNESTY

Stuttgart, Apr. 9.

A blanket-amnesty for German prisoners of war, who were only "little" Nazis was granted on Friday by the U.S. Military Government.

The amnesty came in the form of American approval of a German proposed modification in the U.S. Zones de-Nazification law.

Prisoners of war released from captivity after May 8, 1947 will not be liable to prosecution if they were only "nominal" Nazis, the Military Government ordered.—Associated Press.

RESIGNATION OF SIAM CABINET

Singapore, Apr. 9.

The Siamese Premier, Luang Kovid Abhaiwongse, declared that he had announced the resignation of his Cabinet last Wednesday "because we were unable to control the situation" following last November's coup d'etat, according to a Reuter message from Bangkok despatched on Wednesday and received here today. In a press statement, the Premier said the Siamese Council of Regency had accepted the Government's resignation.

"We were forced to resign because of a 24-hour ultimatum" served by the leaders of the November coup, who expressed strong dissatisfaction with the Government, he said.

The Siamese Democratic Party, at an emergency meeting, refused to accept the Premier's resignation as Party leader. The meeting selected a resolution that all Party members should leave the House of Representatives forthwith.

A prominent member of the Government told Siamese pressmen that they had resigned "not because we are cowards, but merely to avoid bloodshed."

"Concerned"

According to members of the outgoing Government, the British and United States representatives were "gravely concerned" over the possibility that Siam's foreign relations might be jeopardised by a sudden political upheaval barely one month after the recognition of the Government set up by the November coup.

Pianist's Secret Marriage

Melbourne, Apr. 9.

Eileen Joyce, Australian pianist, disclosed today that she was married secretly in London three years ago to a Mayfair film executive, Christopher Mann.

"Even my mother in Perth does not know yet," she told a reporter. Joyce was a war widow. She is now touring Australia. She started touring recently by changing clothes, hair-dos and perfumes to suit what she called different moods of great composers.

Joyce told this story of her secret romance:

"Three years ago my son John, then five years old, said, 'Mummy, all other boys are getting new tiddies, what about me?'"

"That clinched it and I married Christopher, whom I had known a long time. She was married in 1937 in London to Douglas Barratt. He died when a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy in North Africa in 1942.

Joyce said she was aged "30 to 35". There is no record that her cousin, goldminer, father ever registered her birth.—Associated Press.

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Wellington Koo Calls On Lovett

Washington, Apr. 9. Ambassador Wellington Koo today called on the Acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, and later told reporters that the visit was for the purpose of discussing the "implementation of the China aid programme."

Koo was accompanied on the call by Pei Tsu-yi, head of the Chinese Technical Mission, which has been here conferring on rehabilitation details the past several months.

Pei said he is returning to China "very soon," but the exact date has not yet been set. Koo said the Chinese naturally are anxious to have the Chinese aid programme start as soon as possible and had conveyed this to Lovett.

Asked whether he believed that the programme of \$405,000,000 during the next 12 months is adequate, Koo evaded a direct answer by saying that "any assistance is welcome" although that "does not necessarily mean it is adequate."

Koo said the Chinese have not yet sent the "letter of intention" to adhere to the conditions embodied in the American aid plan because the State Department has not advised the Chinese what form the letter should take.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Koo said this advice is expected shortly and the Chinese then would submit their letter of intent. Dr. H. H. Kung, former

Premier and Finance Minister, paid a 20-minute visit to President Truman.

Later he described the call as a "purely private one to pay my respects to the President." Kung said he expressed the Chinese gratitude for the aid programme. Asked by the press whether he thought it is adequate, Kung declined to comment.—United Press.

ABDULLAH SWINGS

Cairo, Apr. 9.

Abdullah El Wasir, who for four weeks sat on the throne of Yemen, was executed by hanging at Hogg, 70 miles north of Sanaa, the Yemenite capital, yesterday, according to a report reaching here today from Sanaa. Abdullah was said to have been tried and found guilty of the murder in February of the 65-year-old Iman Yahia, ruler of Yemen, whose assassination led to a civil war which ended in the overthrow of King S. El Ismail Ahmed, the eldest son of the late Iman, who last month entered Sanaa and proclaimed himself king.—Reuter.

Have A Chat With Old Joe

London, Apr. 9.

Captain Raymond Blackburn, Labour Member of Parliament, today proposed that Britain and the United States should each send their "Big Three" leaders to discuss with Marshal Stalin relations between Russia and the West.

He suggested as representatives for Britain the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee; the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin; and the Conservative Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, and for the United States President Truman; the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall; and Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Republican leader of the Senate.

In a letter to the weekly "Economist" Captain Blackburn wrote that he believed these six men "might have a tremendous effect upon Stalin."—Reuter.

Prices Cut In Russia

London, Apr. 9.

The Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union (the Soviet Cabinet) has decreed a series of articles, Moscow Radio announced tonight.

The articles affected by the price cuts include cigarettes, light motor cars, cosmetics, cameras, binoculars, sewing machines and radio sets with a 10 per cent cut and motorcycles and bicycles with a 20 per cent cut.

The decree stated that the price reduction was decided upon "in connection with the general rise of the national economy and the production of consumer goods."—Reuter.

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Less Than Three Years After His Death, The Myth Of "A Simple Man Of The People" Begins To Grow THE ROOSEVELT LEGEND

When the historian of the future gets around to evaluating the character and influence of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one of his conclusions certainly will be that within three years of his death a legend of glory had already begun to form about him.

Already a steady stream of books and magazine articles about him has appeared. Frances Perkins, whose book *The Roosevelt I Knew* is by all odds the best, first met the future President when he was 23 years old and had just been elected to the New York state legislature. He seemed to her an ordinary, respectable young man with an artificially serious expression and little if any concern about social reform. He had the habit of throwing his head up and thrusting out his chin, which, in combination with his pince-nez and great height, gave him the unfortunate appearance of looking down his nose. Miss Perkins remembers an old-line Tammany politician, Tim Sullivan, saying to her, "Awful arrogant fellow, that Roosevelt." She also gives us a snapshot of Roosevelt arguing on the senate floor, his mouth pursed, his nostrils distended, saying, "No, no, I won't hear of it!"

Miss Perkins had gone to Albany to fight for a bill to establish a 54-hour week for women in industry in New York. She hoped Roosevelt would get behind the bill, but he did nothing to help. She took his indifference hard at the time, but she now feels that his early lack of interest in social reform can be traced to "a youthful lack of humility, a streak of self-righteousness, and a deafness which are the common lot."

Roosevelt had moved in a very narrow range. His father was one of the leading members of the Hudson River gentry—a self-contained, comfortable moneyed class. Young Roosevelt's playmates were the children of families in similar circumstances. Instead of being sent to school he was turned over to tutors. He was taken abroad several times, and enjoyed other vacations at the family summer place in Campobello, New Brunswick. It was not until he was 14, when he entered Groton, that he began to mingle with groups of boys his own age.

Roosevelt went to Groton, as Alden Hatch has said, with a mind "like a jackdaw's nest, full of shiny bits of unrelated knowledge." But, says Mr. Hatch, touching on a point that Roosevelt's enemies often aimed at, "in all Franklin's miscellaneous collection of knowledge there was one significant blank: that was in relation to money." His sense of financial security was so strong that he never thought about it at all.

At Groton, Roosevelt was more interested in sports than in books, and went out for baseball, football, track and crew. His special love, and one that he never lost, was for boats. Even as President, Miss Perkins observes, Roosevelt was capable of almost childish vanity about his seamanship.

Roosevelt wanted to go to Annapolis, but his father persuaded him to go to Harvard instead. There he majored in government and history, joined all the right clubs and became editor of the *Harvard Crimson*. Graduating in 1904,

he went to Columbia Law School. But here also, as at Groton and Harvard, Roosevelt was an indifferent student, and he did not graduate. He was admitted to the bar in 1907 by examination, but did not like practicing law any more than he had liked studying it.

So it would seem that Franklin D. Roosevelt went into politics largely because he did not know what else to do. In 1910 he was elected to the New York state senate, and in 1912, at the Democratic national convention, worked hard for Woodrow Wilson's nomination. While moved by the social and ethical content of Wilson's programme, he was more moved by being offered the post of Assistant Secretary of the Navy. "I'd rather have that place than any other in public life," he said.

One of his jobs was to listen to the grievances of state committeemen, and he gained a lasting insight into the anatomy of the average political imagination. "A little patronage, a lot of pleasure, and public signs of friendship and prestige," he told Frances Perkins, years later—"that's what makes a political leader secure with his people."

Roosevelt's attack of infantile paralysis in 1921 was, in the opinion of nearly everyone who has written about him, the real educative process of his life. "The man emerged completely warm-hearted, with humility of spirit and with a deeper philosophy," writes Miss Perkins. "His viability—his power to grow in response to experience—was beginning to show."

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Roosevelt's health, Vice-Admiral McInire records in *White House Physician*, was whispered about as early as 1932. These rumours were silenced by Roosevelt's obvious and apparently inexhaustible vitality, but in 1944, after the passage of 12 years were reflected in thin hair, lost weight and a furrowed face, they revived.

Roosevelt did not intend campaigning in 1944, but after reports showed that his opponent, Tom Dewey, was making a rather good campaign, he changed his mind. He also wanted to combat the whisperings about his health. "There has been this constant rumour that I'll not live if I am re-elected," he announced one day at a Cabinet meeting. "Apparently Papa has to tell them." He came back to Washington, having gained 12 pounds. "What'd you expect?" he asked. "These campaign trips get a little tougher, but I thrive on 'em!"

It would appear that Roosevelt had a genuine affection for Winston Churchill. "It was a feeling," James Byrnes writes in his *Speaking Frankly*, "that was cordially reciprocated. It was the kind of friendship that permitted frankness in their conversations with each other and about each other."

Roosevelt felt confident that he would be able to get along with Stalin, too. But at Teheran, he found that the Marshal was not going to be as easy

as he had expected. He had done everything Stalin had asked him to do—stayed at his embassy, gone to his dinners, met his generals and admirals—but Stalin remained correct, stiff and solemn. Roosevelt began to think he had made the long trip for nothing. "I had to cut through this icy surface," he explained.

On the way to the conference room one morning he drew Churchill aside. "Winston," he said, "I hope you won't be sore at me for what I am going to do." Churchill shifted his cigar and grunted. A few minutes later in the conference room Roosevelt said, in a loud stage whisper, "Winston is cranky this morning. He got up on the wrong side of the bed." A vague smile passed over Stalin's face.

Roosevelt pressed his advantage. He began to tease Churchill about his Britishness, about John Bull, about his cigars. Churchill reddened and scowled. The more he did so, the more Stalin smiled. "Finally," Roosevelt told Miss Perkins, "Stalin broke out into a deep, hearty guffaw. It was then that I called him 'Uncle Joe.' From that time on our relations were personal."

That Stalin was finally won over by Roosevelt is not particularly surprising: most people were.

Roosevelt's personal habits, we learn from Miss Perkins, were "simple" to the point of bareness. As President he slept on a narrow, white iron bed with a thin, hard-looking mattress, a couple of pillows and an old gray shawl for a blanket. "Don't like those heavy things," he once explained. He wore a sweater to bed to keep his shoulders warm when he had a cold. A small wooden table, painted white, stood near the bed. On it were aspirin, bits of

paper with telephone numbers, a few books, a watch, an old prayer book, a package of cigarettes, an ash tray and a couple of telephones. In addition, the room contained a heavy, dark wardrobe (there are no closets in the White House), an old-fashioned rocker and an old bureau. Over one door hung a horse's tail. It used to belong to an animal named Gloucester, which had been raised by Roosevelt's father. Gloucester was regarded by all the Roosevelts as a piece of horseflesh only slightly inferior to Man o' War.

Roosevelt was a moderate drinker and a disinterested eater. Whenever he was in a gathering that called for prolonged drinking, he always asked for a "horse's neck"—ginger ale, lemon peel and no alcohol. Up to the day he died he was a chain smoker.

Roosevelt's taste for oil spray greatly influenced his other tastes, especially in painting. As Frances Perkins points out, Roosevelt did not appreciate paintings. "The only pictures he really cared about were pictures of ships," she writes. "And he judged these by the correctness with which the rigging was painted."

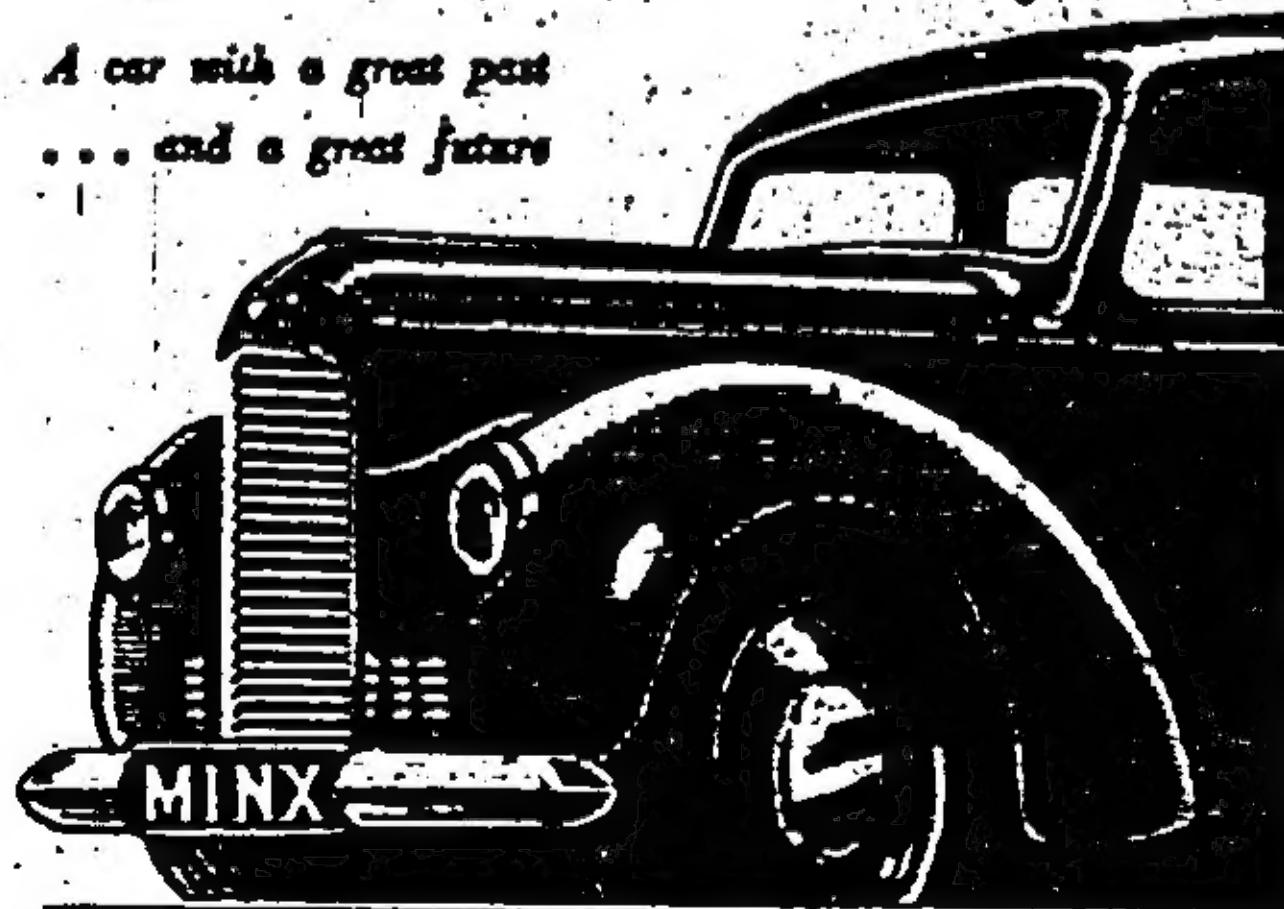
Painters were sometimes troubled by this crow's-nest view of art. George Biddle is quoted as saying, "Roosevelt has almost no taste or judgment about painting, yet he has done more for painters in this country than anybody ever did—not only by feeding them when they were down and out but by establishing the idea that artists are important."

But Roosevelt had no such motive. "Why not?" he said when the idea of putting artists on the Government payroll was presented. "They are human

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No brain that has been cleansed with Sano can be receptive to such soap-box phrases as "Fascist cannibals," "the unconquerable solidarity of international Socialism," and "the demand of all freedom-loving people is for realistic guarantees supported by armed might."

Upon hearing such shabby phrases the brain will instantly go quite numb. The next thing it will know is that it has set the body in motion and the legs are running wildly after women, or the haunches are squatting on a bar stool while the eager hand pours a glassful of costly solace down the parched throat to the grateful stomach.

BITS FROM TERRIBLE BOOKS

"When I was in Pagoda," said old General Wallop, and drew his sabre, "I often shot a rhino before breakfast!"

"Not with your sword, dear, surely?" murmured Mrs. Wallop.

"You're thinking of pig-sticking, Alice!" said the General irritably. "Why, when I was a young subaltern under Boofor I once stuck two pigs with one thrust—like this!"

The General drew his revolver and pointed it dramatically at the Governor. Then, laughing heartily, he replaced it in his pocket and dipped the corner of his napkin into his finger-bowl.

"Never felt such a violent tug in my life, sir!" he exclaimed. "It must have been a 40-pounder at least!"

"He's fishing now," explained Mrs. Wallop wearily. "Sometimes he uses his napkin and sometimes he prefers his tie."

"Stuff and nonsense, Alice!" shouted the General crossly. "You're confusing it with tentpegging! It happened like this, if you'd care to hear the story: There was I up the tisso tree, absolutely unarmed, and immediately below me was the man-eater. So what did I do?"

"I can't imagine," said the Governor politely.

"I strangled it with my bare hands!" said the General fiercely, and shot himself with his revolver.

Mrs. Wallop slowly rose. She looked radiant.

"You may clear now, Rorton," she said gaily. "Put the General in the run-room with his other trophies. Then serve coffee on the terrace."

(From "The Memoirs of Lady Crashington," Duller Press, £3 3s.)

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NEWS QUIZ

1. Using one dozen pens for the purpose, President Truman signed away \$6,098,000,000 of his country's dollars this week. Where are they going to?

2. Who has been suggested by a popular London newspaper as the next British Ambassador to Moscow?

3. A cosmopolitan city, usually peaceable, went mad this week. There were riots in the streets, disorder and confusion, and eventually a curfew was imposed, the first for 25 years. What city was this?

4. A new London project was announced this week, to cost £30 million before it is finished. What is it?

5. A British plane over Berlin was destroyed this week in a mid-air collision with a Soviet fighter, with a loss of 14 lives. What company operated the plane?

6. The Russian authorities have been in the news from Germany this week, apart from the collision tragedy. Who is the Soviet Commander-in-Chief in the Russian Zone of Germany?

7. In the Budget, announced this week, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has clamped down on cigarettes, liquor, pools, and most other things. He has, however, bountifully lifted the wage at which taxation is payable. What is the new limit?

(Answers in Page Two)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The annual "Oscar" awards are the criterion of Hollywood film fame. What body is responsible for the judging of the year's films, and the Academy Awards?

2. The complicated and endless combinations of Roman numerals are out of date nowadays. What numeral system is generally used today?

3. The platypus, because of its unusual shape, is the more widely known of the only two creatures known to science which lay eggs and nourish their young with milk. What is the other animal which shares this distinction with the platypus?

4. This will shake you: What is the capital of New Zealand, and is it in the North Island or the South Island?

5. What is the Decalogue?

6. It's nearly sixteen years since Franklin D. Roosevelt was first inaugurated as President of the United States. Who was the Republican President he displaced?

7. There is a strong movement to admit the "49th State" into the United States of America. What possession would become the 49th State?

8. The Mason and Dixon line which was taken as the line dividing the North from the South in pre-Union North America was originally surveyed for a different purpose by two English surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon. Do you know what purpose the line was meant to serve?

(Answers in Page Four)

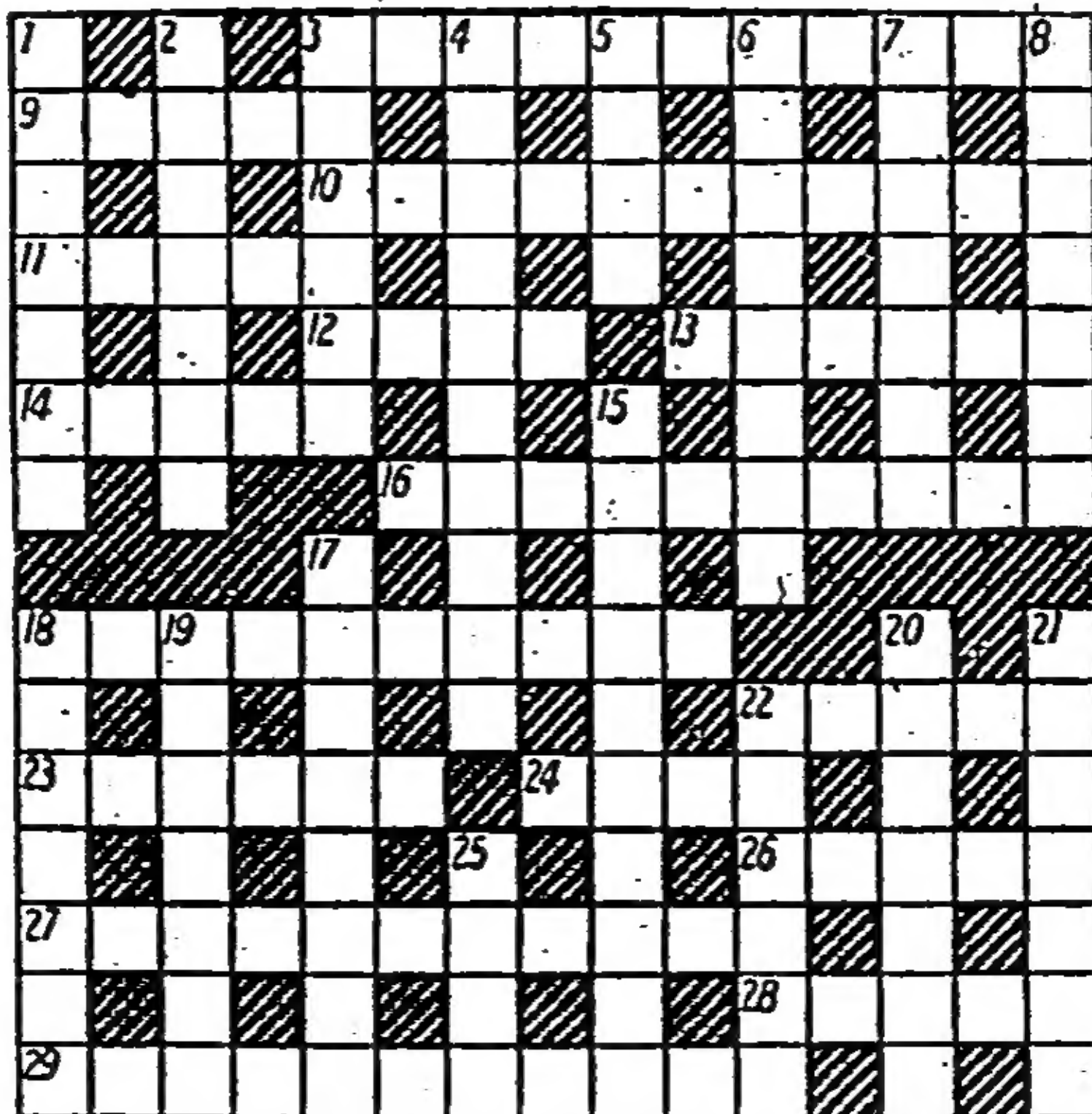
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ACROSS

- 3,9 Great blows we suffer twice a year. (11, 5)
- 10 Some roads for cyclists are so neglected. (4, 7)
- 11 Browning's Moor. (5)
- 12 Cart back in a measure. (4)
- 13 A strange one was "Excelsior." (6)
- 14 They may be found in a sort of gin. (5)
- 16 The courses of the menu? (4, 6)
- 18 Some waves have it, nominally. (10)
- 22 The part of the plough. (5)
- 23 In active 26? (6)
- 24 But Adam was not so venerable. (4)
- 26 Bill's in this. (5)
- 27 14 lb., at an angle. (6, 5)
- 28 Get on or back as a lexicographer. (5)
- 29 We are certainly not in it. (5, 6)

DOWN

- 1 Sea legs for the everyyoung. (7)
- 2 The famous airman creates a disturbance on his native corn. (7)
- 3 "Worse — proved thee my best of love." (Shakespeare.) (6)
- 4 Flooded below the surface. (5, 5)
- 5 Catches, but not on the cricket field. (4)
- 6 The Ancere becomes a longer river. (8)
- 7 Blackfish; that's the idea. (7)
- 8 Books on the shelf. (7)
- 15 Fish snore, perhaps, like horses. (10)
- 17 Mural finish in the north. (8)
- 18 Arctic feline, of unpleasant fame. (7)
- 19 The reviser's upset by this game. (7)
- 20 Belonging to the P.M.G.? (7)
- 21 Even in the hovel there's a number. (7)
- 22 Sabrina's river. (6)
- 25 There's one of 23 after 54. (4)



SOLUTION TO No. 50 Across: 1 Unsettle, 5 Wales, 9 Reade, 10 Cherry pie, 11 Bartender, 12 Islet, 13 Market gardener, 16 The twenty ninth, 20 Elihu, 22 Outwitted, 24 Barn dance, 25 Ghost, 26 Eased, 27 Leap year.
Down: 1 Unrobe, 2 Staircase, 3 The Peak, 4 Laced, 5 Worried, 6 Lape, 7 Shelter, 8 February, 14 Ten to one, 15 Not at home, 16 Tremble, 17 Wounded, 18 Icing up, 19 Editor, 21 Idris, 23 These.



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Question 1.—West One Spade, North One No-trump, East Two Hearts, South Pass. What should West say holding:

S K J 10 4 2 D K 9 4
H A 3 C Q 10 8

Question 2.—West One Diamond, North Pass, East One Spade, South Double, West Two Diamonds, North Three Clubs. What should East say holding:

S K 10 9 8 2 D J 10 8 3 2
H none C K J 55

Question 3.—East One Diamond, West One No-trump, East Two Spades. What should West say holding:

S J 10 4 D Q 8
H A 10 7 2 C K J 9 7

Question 4.—East One No-trump, West Three Diamonds, East Three Hearts. What should West say holding:

S none D K Q J 10 4 3 2
H Q 7 3 2 C 6 5

Question 5.—West One Diamond, North Double, East Pass. What should South say holding:

S K J 4 D J 9 7 2
H K 10 3 C 9 7 2

Question 6.—West One Club, North Double, East Pass. What should South say holding:

S A 8 3 2 D J 10 8 6
H Q 10 9 4 C 8

Question 7.—West One Spade, North Pass. What should East say holding:

S 8 D A Q 10 3
H J 10 8 C 10 9 8 4 2

Question 8.—West One Diamond, North Double, East Two Clubs. What should South say holding:

S Q J 10 9 D Q 10 5
H K 9 7 6 3 C 8

Question 9.—What should West, the dealer, say on:

S Q 10 9 4 D A J 2
H K Q 9 C Q 9 4

Question 10.—What should West, the dealer, say on:

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Talking about Films

Escape And Escapism
BY FRED MAJDALANY

What does a young lady do when she finds an escaped convict in her bedroom, *Scream?* Or, with an intuitive sympathy with the hunted, help him to get away?

Peggy Cummins is faced with the problem in *Escape* which is based on the Galsworthy play.

The film underlines what has always seemed to me the chief weakness of the original play—namely, the excessive charm of Galsworthy's fugitive.

He is so obviously a perfect gentleman and not a "criminal type." His manners, even in the extreme of hunger and exhaustion, are so perfect that the girl's problem hardly seems to exist.

The reason she doesn't scream, you feel, is simply that he happens to be that engaging fellow Rex Harrison.

The convict, you will remember, got three years for a manslaughter charge that could fairly be described as sheer bad luck. Bitterness about the injustice of it moves him to break away from Dartmoor in a fog.

Most of the film is devoted to the man-hunt. And Joseph Mankiewicz, who made the picture for Twentieth Century-Fox, has turned it into a first-class entertainment.

The atmosphere of the Dartmoor country has been superbly breathed into the celluloid; the action races along like an un-nationallised express train, and the climax is intensely moving.

It is excellently performed by Mr. Harrison and half a dozen supporting artists. The voice of Miss Cummins, however, seems to get in the way of what she has to do.

For once in a way the only faults lie with the original author—not with his adapters.

It is a far cry from the *Escape* of Galsworthy, with its cultivated sentiment, to the escapism of Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox.

I have not, so far, been the greatest admirer of this team's *Official History of Life in Mayfair*. Either in Grosvenor-square, where it began, or in war-time Piccadilly, or when it sighed interminably through Curzon Street, while the Courtneys grew older, and older and—*to me*—duller and duller.

But the bracing air of Hyde Park seems to have blown into the latest volume of the *History*, Spring in Park Lane.

The usual musical-comedy tarradiddle is at the bottom of it, but this time a generous coating of comedy has been added. As I am thoroughly old-

fashioned and like to laugh, this is probably why I found this film an improvement on its predecessors.

You should be able to guess what goes on if I merely mention that Miss Neagle is the niece and secretary of Tom Walls, and that Michael Wilding, a peer and Old Etonian, gets a job as footman in the Park-lane house where they live. (There is no need to dwell on such things.)

The cause of this being a good entertainment is the airy and amusing script of Nicholas Phipps.

Mr. Phipps also plays a part, and has cunningly written himself the best scene in the picture—a wicked caricature of a bore telling an unfunny joke.

Michael Wilding fools his way through it all with the lightest of light touches. For the millions who like it Miss Neagle sustains an indestructible coyness, which almost becomes a feat of endurance.

I wrote the other week that Cecil B. DeMille had the courage of his own corn. Mr. Wilcox and Miss Neagle have the courage of their own sweet turn.

They are the Ivor Novello of the movies Sugar and spice and all that's nice. Good luck to them.

A simple indication of a film's worth is how quickly it makes you curious as to what happens next. Snow-bound left me uninquisitive almost to the last.

It is about a handful of shady characters who turn up at a lonely Alpine ski-ing hut and are clearly up to no good. A young Englishman (Dennis Price) is sent to keep an eye on them.

There is a good climax, but it seems an awful long time coming. Among those present: Robert Newton, Herbert Lom, Milla Parely, Stanley Holloway.

To the wonders of plastic surgery can now be added the ability to convert a citizen into Mr. Humphrey Bogart.

Thirty minutes of *Dark Passage* (Warner, today) have to elapse before the audience is vouchsafed its first glimpse of the sad, haunted, rugged beauty that is peculiarly Mr. Bogart's.

Until then the character he represents is busy escaping from prison, starting out to prove that he did not murder his wife, and meeting Miss Lauren Bacall—all of which we experience through his eyes.

It is not until, for reasons of personal security, he has had his face changed by a plastic surgeon into that of Mr. Bogart that we see him in person, with Miss Bacall lovingly but painfully unveiling him.

From then on it is familiar tale of overcoming insuperable odds and weeding out his foes one by one.

The love-making is also in accordance with custom. And different from that envisaged by Shakespeare when he wrote of "the lover, sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad made to his mistress' eye-brow."

Mr. Bogart is a lover who snarls like blast furnace, and his woeful ballad mostly takes the form of grunts from public call-boxes. While Miss Bacall responds with the monosyllabic mating-call that is her special contribution to the art of acting.

Everyone does at least one thing supremely well. In the case of Mr. Ray Milland it is the ability to remain attractively harassed for hours.

He has to be harassed right through. The Big Clock which happens one of the best comedies that has turned up lately.

He is harassed by his wife (Miss Maureen O'Sullivan) because his office won't give him a holiday; by his employer, a megalomaniac magazine pro-

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prietor (Mr. Charles Laughton); and by circumstances, when the proprietor murders an inconvenient former lady friend and suspicion is diverted to Mr. Milland.

For the rest this is a full-blooded, hilarious, burlesque of the extremist kind of magnate or tycoon. Its superiority to others in the same vein ("The Hucksters," to mention a recent one) lies in the superb performance of Mr. Charles Laughton.

Passion and lonely coastlines are always effective movie, and plenty of both can be found in *The Woman on the Beach*, this time a well-directed, well-acted, triangle story which has enough atmosphere to trick you into forgetting what spoof it is at heart.

It involves Mr. Robert Ryan (whose acting I would describe as variations on a theme by Mr. Randolph Scott), a coastguardsman; Miss Joan Bennett, who makes the same piece of coast dangerous for any personable young men who are about; Mr. Charles Bickford, a blind artist who is Miss Bennett's husband and violently jealous.

Feelings run high in the sandhills and Mr. Bickford puts in some fine acting before Mr. Ryan is safely restored to his fiancée.

Current Shows

KING'S—"Frenchman's Creek," with Joan Fontaine and Arturo de Cordova.

QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"This Time For Keeps," with Esther Williams, Lauritz Melchior, Jimmy Durante and Johnnie Johnston.

MAJESTIC AND LEE—"Never Say Goodbye," with Errol Flynn and Eleanor Parker.

CENTRAL—"The Prince of Thieves," with Jon Hall.

ORIENTAL—"The Unfinished Dance."

QUIZ ANSWERS

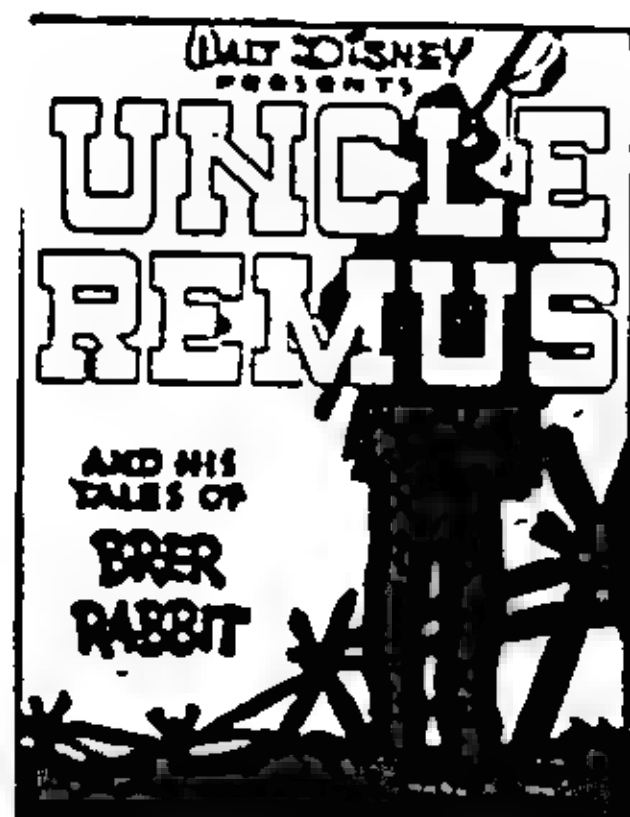
1. First of all to the State Department, which will distribute them on a global aid plane. (5.4.48).
2. Earl Mountbatten. (5.4.48).
3. Alexandria, Egypt's second city. A police strike left the city open to trouble-makers. (7.4.48).
4. Heathrow Airport, boosted by the Minister for Civil Aviation, Lord Nathan. (7.4.48).
5. British European Airways. (8.4.48).
6. Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky. (8.4.48).
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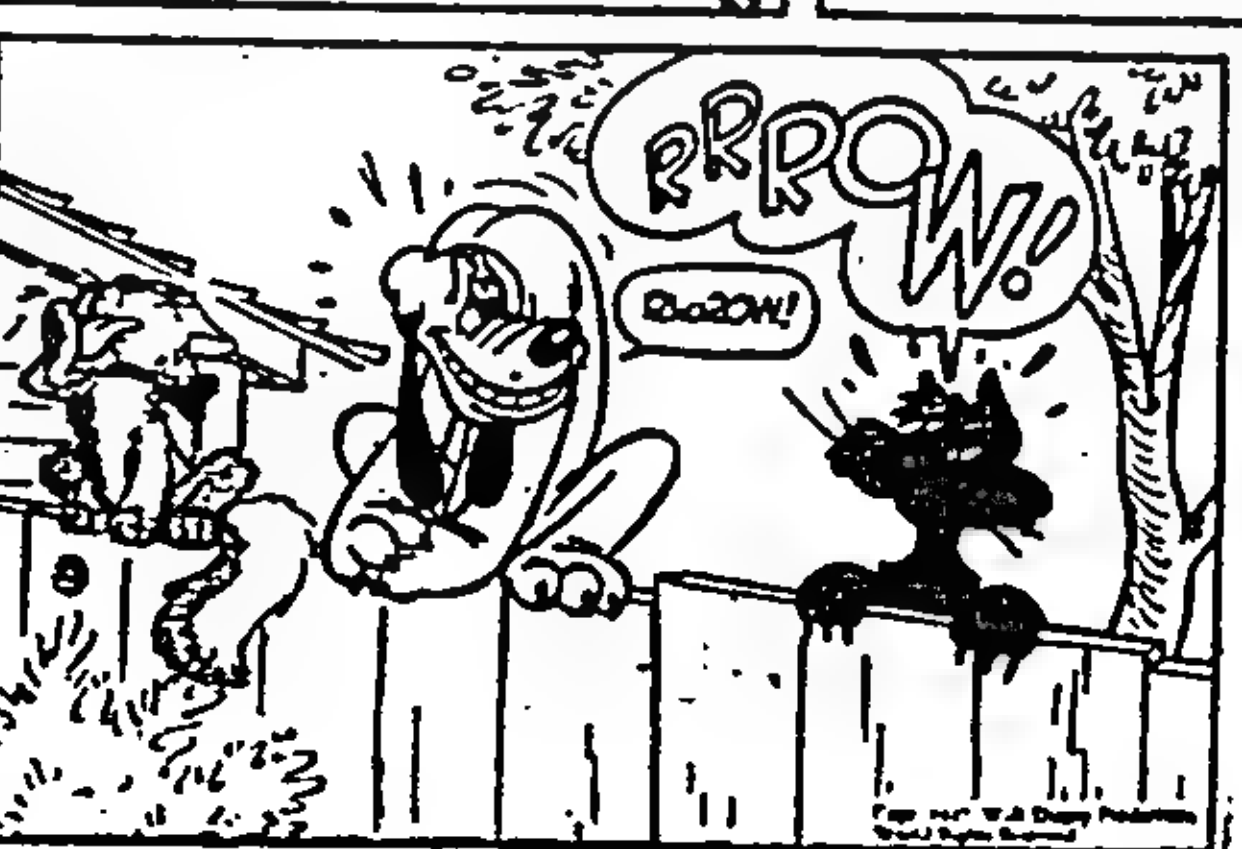
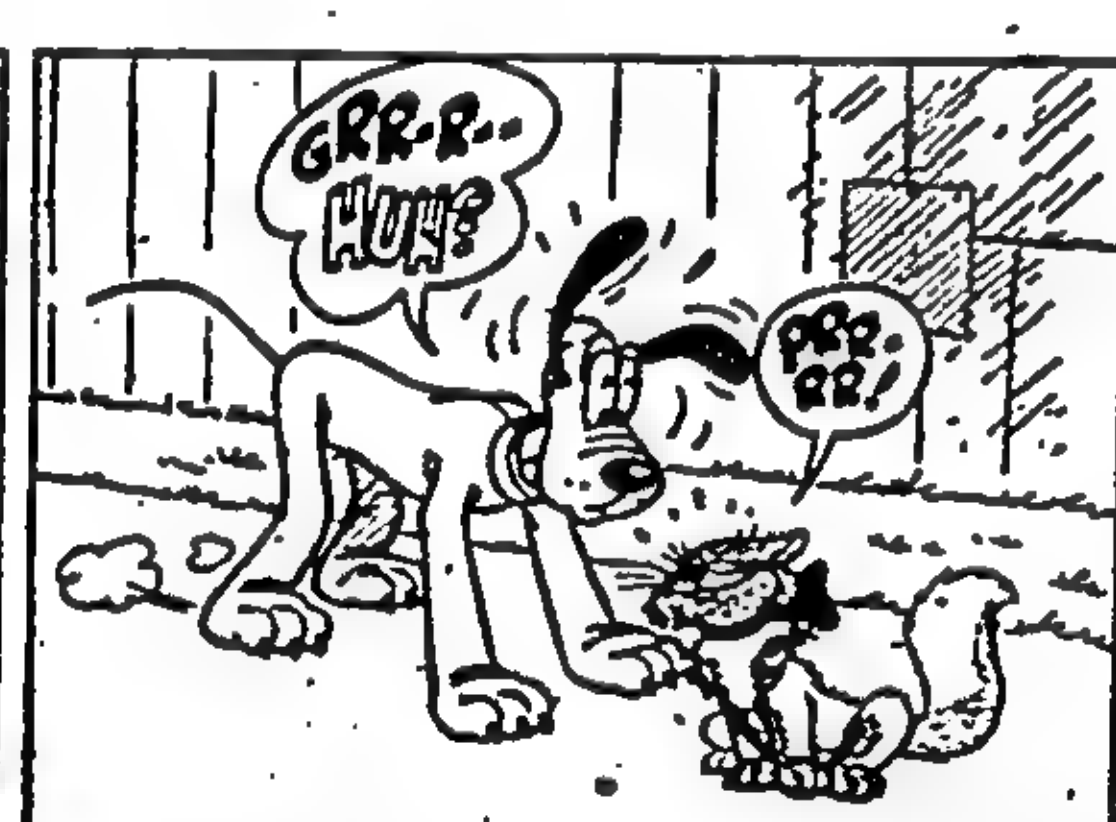
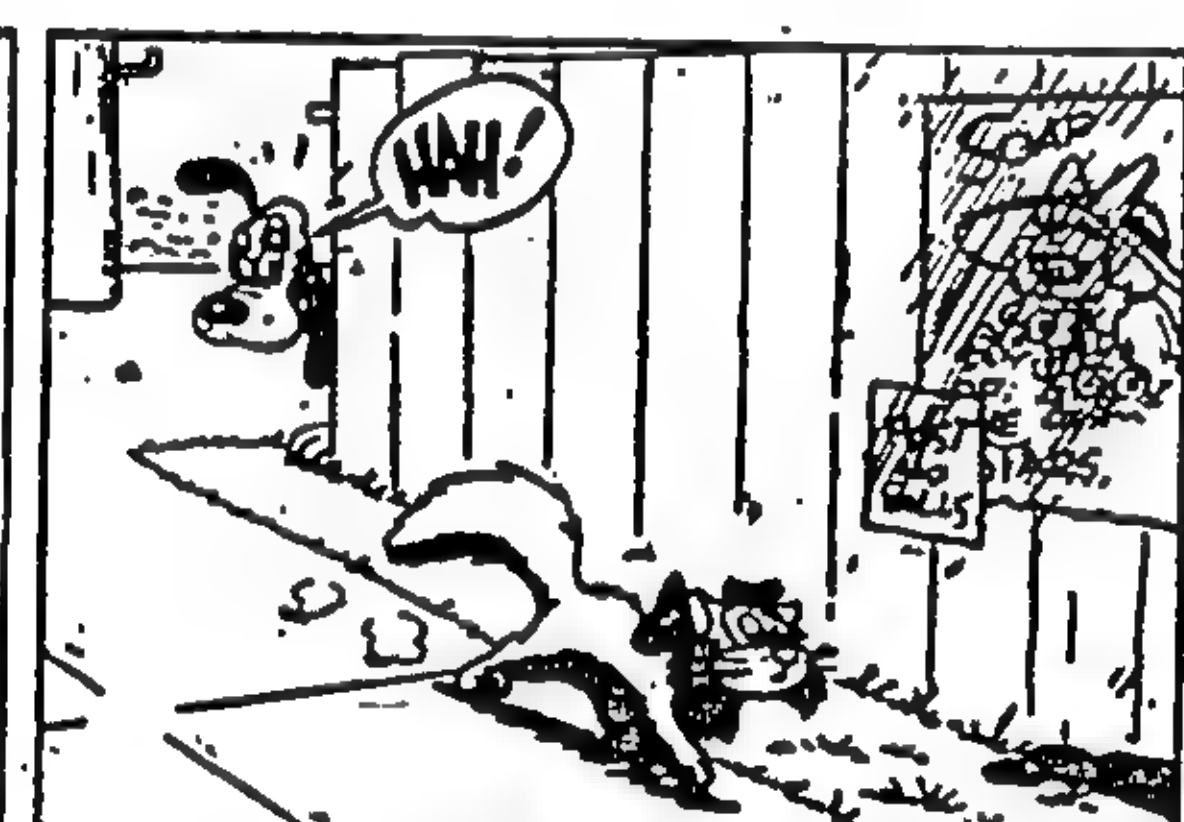
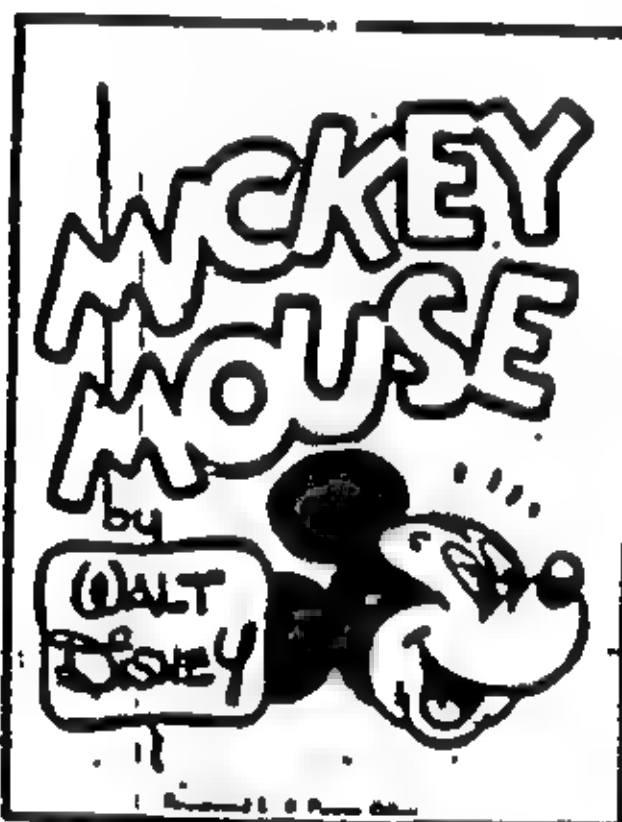
MERRY MOMENTS:

The sailor stood respectfully in front of the captain and said, "Is a thing lost when you know where to find it sir?"
"Of course not," snapped the captain.
"Well sir, the cook fell overboard 40 miles back."

Why did the penny stamp?
Because the threepenny bit.

Why did the cow slip?
Because it saw the barn dance.

"What do you mean," roared the Colonel, to the corporal "you've addressed this letter to the 'Intelligent Officer.' Don't you know there's no such person in the army?"



Our Serial Story

MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM

CHAPTER I

BY

RAOUL WHITFIELD

There was too much colour in the room and the rug wasn't right. One of the paintings was very bad; it hit Don Free in the eyes as he came in. The maid gestured towards a trick-looking divan and moved almost soundlessly from the room.

When Don heard the footfalls he turned his back to the painting. Mary Reynolds came into the room looking more beautiful than when he had seen her last. They shook hands. Her fingers were cool and she was pale.

"I'm frightened," Mary said very softly.

Free grinned. "What—again? It's only been about four months since the last fright."

She didn't smile. "Well," she said almost tonelessly. "I'm in trouble again, Mr. Free."

Mary walked to the divan and let her slender body drop on it. There were a lot of cushions and she leaned back, relaxed.

"What's it about this time?" Don asked. "You don't think you've killed a man, do you?"

Mary tried a faint smile, but it wasn't a success. "It's a woman," she said quietly. "She's going to kill me."

Free's gray eyes narrowed. "Did she say so?" he asked.

Mary shook her head and the frightened expression showed more clearly in her eyes. She replied: "I'm really frightened, and I sent for you. I can trust you."

"Sure," Free said. "But we're not getting anywhere. What's it about?"

Don tendered her his pack of cigarettes; she shook her head. He lit one.

She closed her eyes and shivered. "When a man says he's going to kill somebody—he doesn't always mean it. A woman's different."

After a little silence, Don asked, "Is there a man in this?"

Mary's mouth got hard. "—Yes," she replied. "There's always a man in everything."

Free closed his eyes. When he opened them Mary was looking over his head. There was bitterness in her stare as she recalled: "I took your advice and left the city, after that blackmail attempt you stopped. I didn't like it out of town, so I came back. I've been going around a little. I've met some people. Jerry Gorton is one of them."

"Gorton," Don said thoughtfully, "has a couple of gambling places—fashionable joints."

She nodded, bitterness in her eyes. "We got along pretty well for a few weeks. One of his places was giving him trouble, and I got him to close it up. I like him."

The expression Mary put in the last three words meant something. Free smiled as he asserted: "You mean you love him."

She shrugged. "Maybe—it's hard to tell. Anyway, about ten days ago a girl came along from Chicago. I think, I met her at the Sun Club. She didn't like me. She did like Jerry. I used all the things that a woman with money can use. She didn't have the money. So she lost."

Free nodded his head slowly.

"Four days ago a man called up and said that if I didn't stay away from Jerry I'd be hurt. I laughed at him. He said 'Hurt bad.' Then he hung up. I saw Jerry last night. We danced and drank a bit. This afternoon I had another call. If I see him again—that will be the last time, the caller said."

"Where did he call from?" Don asked.

"Grand Central—a booth."

"He sounded as though what he said was meant?"

"Very—much," she replied.

Free was silent for a short time. Then he said: "A little while ago you said a woman was going to kill you."

Mary shook her head in a firm affirmative. "The woman told Jerry she'd kill me."

Free whistled softly. "He told you that?"

"He was smiling when he told me," she said. "But I think he was a bit worried."

"What's the girl's name?"

"Cray," she replied. "Ellen Cray."

"Know where she lives?" Don asked.

"In a large apartment house on Fifteenth Street, just off Tenth Avenue. It's called Hudson Courts."

Free nodded. "I know the place."

Then he added, "You've been in her place?"

Mary nodded. "She was being nice one night. Jerry was along."

"What's she do?"

"She has an income, something rather small."

"What do you want me to do?" Don asked.

She sat up and cupped her chin in the palms of her hands. "I don't want to be hurt," she said slowly. "I want to be around with Jerry."

Free asked, "Have you told him about the phone calls?"

She answered, "He laughs about them—they're just a scare. But he called up last night and broke a date we had. Said he was called out of town."

"Think he loves you?"

She looked hurt. "I love him," Mary said. "He could love me. But he can't be let alone too much."

Free grinned. "Don't I know! Well, I'll have to drop some stuff I'm doing. It'll cost you three hundred to start."

He gave her a card on which read: Donald Free—Investigations.

"You can send the check to the office," he said. "The address is in the phone book."

Don looked at his watch. "It's five-thirty. I'll see if Ellen Cray has a record—good or bad, or both. Might have a talk with her. You going out tonight?"

She hesitated. "Yes, I'm going out."

"Date with Gorton?"

"I'm going to the Sun Club," Mary replied.

Free smiled a little grimly. "That's his nicest place. I suppose he'll be there."

She said a little huskily. "I suppose so."

"What time will you get there?" the detective asked.

"About eleven—I'm dining late. I've got to see him, Mr. Free."

"Sure," he said. "Don't get there before eleven. Don't recognize me. If anything important happens—I'll phone you."

She stood up and fear came back in her eyes again.

"It may be bluff," she breathed.

"Yeah," Free agreed. "Or she may love Gorton as much as you do."

He shook hands with her and turned towards the doorway that led to the foyer.

"Is Jerry worth it?" he asked as he moved.

She said flatly. "I think so. I can make him stop the worst things. I want to try. It would take a little time. And now she comes along—"

Mary broke off. The maid came up to Free and handed him his light gray hat. He said: "Well—we'll see. And don't forget the check."

Don smiled at her and went outside. The elevator dropped him swiftly to the street level. He reached Park Avenue and hailed a cab. When he'd given the Centre Street address of Police Headquarters, he sat back and let his body sway with the cab. Somewhere downtown he said a little grimly: "Two women after the same man"

THE ROOSEVELT LEGEND

(Continued from Page 1)

beings. They have to live, I guess the only thing they can do is paint and surely must be some public place where paintings are wanted."

Roosevelt seems to have had a genuine religious feeling. He did not go to church as frequently as some people thought he should, but he read the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer a good deal, and knew many passages by heart. He went to church more often when he was away from Washington. "I can do almost everything in the goldfish bowl" of the President's life," he once told Miss Perkins, "but I'll be hanged if I can say my prayers in it. It bothers me to be looked at by all the tourists in Washington when I go to church."

Miss Perkins tells a story about a young reporter who once asked Roosevelt, in her presence, what his philosophy was. Roosevelt looked puzzled. "Philosophy?" he repeated. "I am a Christian and a Democrat—that's all."

"Those two words expressed, I think, the extent of his political and economic radicalism," writes Miss Perkins. "He was willing to do experimentally whatever was necessary to promote the Golden Rule and other ideals he considered to be Christian, and whatever could be done under the Constitution of the United States and under the principles which have guided the Democratic Party."

Others, naturally, will disagree; and the future historian will have to take this disagreement into consideration, for it is too widespread to be ignored. His job, once he has drawn a portrait of Roosevelt, will be to find his way around a tangle of thorny questions.

Was the New Deal merely a boondoggler's dream, or did it represent a peaceful, necessary economic revolution? Was Roosevelt so intoxicated with the pomp and privilege of power that he could not bear to delegate authority, or was he so absorbed in all the affairs of government that he simply had to have his finger in every pie? Was his political programme composed only of leanings, sentiments and emotions, or did he have a definite end in mind? Was that end the firming-up of the traditional capitalist system, or did it seek to transform the United States into a socialist state? All these questions must be answered. But as far as the popular image of Roosevelt is concerned, most of this labour will go for nothing. For the truth of history is rarely considered by the masses.

The Roosevelt legend began when his life ended, and already we can see in the recently released motion picture, *The Roosevelt Story*, the shape the legend is likely to take. First of all he will be a simple man instead of the complex person he really was, who rose from simple origins (Hyde Park might just as well be a log cabin). Then, from earliest boyhood, he will be moved by a passion for social justice (instead of coming to an understanding of human problems when he was nearing middle age). His natural wit will serve him in good stead, as when he routed the Republicans with his "Fala speech," and the fact that he was not an intellectual giant will not be held against him (brilliantly clever men never become popular heroes in this country).

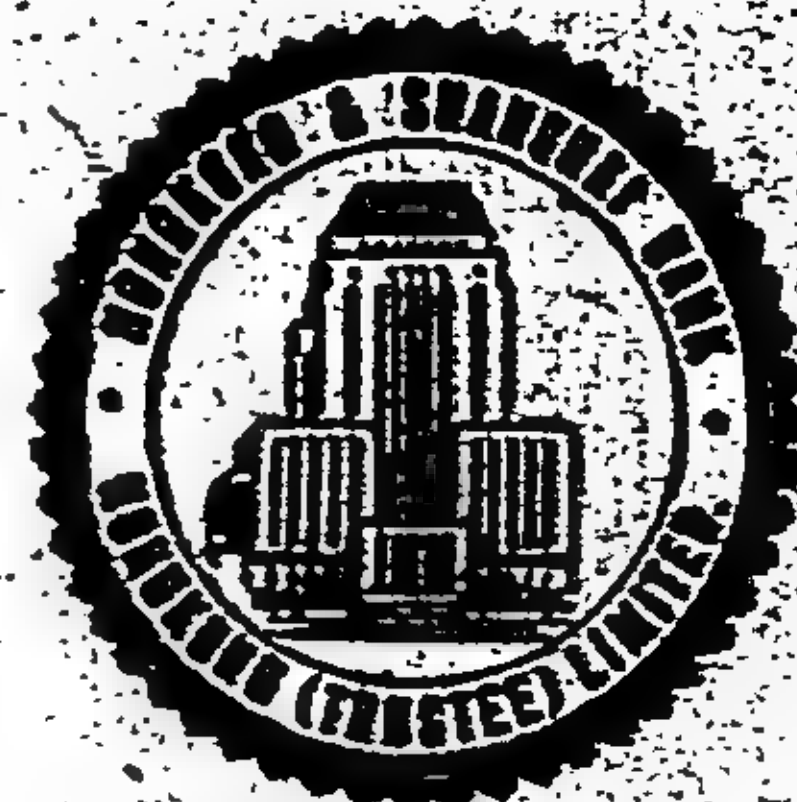
But over and above all else, like Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln and all the other source-springs of our national inspiration, he will be a man of the people. And this, as far as the people themselves are concerned, he was. They believe he was one of them and that he was for them. The Roosevelt legend rests solely on this. Its strength lies in its simplicity, and because of its simplicity it seems likely to endure.

—it's a pretty good reason for trouble."

The cab driver stopped for a red light, twisted his head, grinned at Free, and side-mouthed: "Just gotta up they finish off Joey Faley. When they want a fella in this town—they just go ahead and get 'im."

Free nodded. When the cab started again he said very softly: "When they want a fella—or a gal."

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IS THERE A
LIFE AFTER 40?

Don't warn you against exertion. Girls (who ought to tremble when they see a road like you!) yawn and call you "mistress." Takes a federal subpoena to get you out of the house after 9 P. M. In March Reader's Digest Robert M. Yoder tells his (7) story of what it's like to hobble past that 40th milestone. Don't miss this report from The Great Beyond by a gent who's decided that if he can't grow old gracefully, he can go down beating! (Cont. from Saturday Evening Post)

Also in Reader's Digest

Penicillin "mist" for sinus trouble. 30 million Americans suffer from sinus trouble.



Lois Mattox Miller brings news of the "simplest, safest, most effective treatment yet" for most true sinus infections—haloing of penicillin—and its possibilities for home use.

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THE PROMS

Tonight's Proms Concert from ZBW is entirely devoted to the works of one composer, Sibelius, and consists of part of an orchestral suite, a symphonic fantasia, a symphony and a symphonic poem. Sibelius is difficult to fit into a normal concert programme, for his work, neither archaic nor modern and completely individual, is like no other music.

Nonetheless, although his music is highly nationalistic and his style peculiarly, exclusively his own, Sibelius is no offshoot from the main stem of musical thought and progress. Indeed, as Julius Harrison is quick to point out, "of all the great writers since the last of the classical composers, Sibelius is the one recognised by cultured musicians as the most fitting successor to the immortal Brahms."

His style is largely a direct but subtle combination of mixture of concord and discord; the former always triumphs in the end, in the traditional manner of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. One of the greatest experimenters in form since Beethoven (and, to a lesser degree, Wagner), he owes much of the success of his works to his adherence to form rather than to spectacular programme effects.

Sibelius is a rapid composer but not a casual or careless writer. His musical ideas are not just ideas which are given suitable raiment, they are born as complete entities with all the necessary elements of rhythm, pitch, timbre, harmony and melodic implication. The latter may not be clear at first and the music may sound strange—but it also sounds inevitable.

As Calvocoressi points out, Sibelius is particularly noted for the fact that he seems to have arrived at the peak of his powers almost from Opus One onwards; his outlook has not changed, and his earliest works are as mature and as complete as his latest—this last remark being subject to correction if and when I ever hear his eighth symphony. Tonight's concert will provide an easy test of this comment, for the works are being presented in chronological order.

The first is an extract from his "Karelia" suite, an orchestral work written after a visit to that part of Finland towards the end of the last century. It immediately followed his symphonic poem "En Saga" (Op. 9), the "Karelia" overture forming Op. 10 and the suite Op. 11. Highly imaginative and national, it is more localised than either "En Saga" or the tone poem "Finlandia" (Op. 26). It is wholly characteristic of the people of this south-eastern province of Finland, who are gay and more amiable but of less steadfast a temperament than the Finns of the west and north.

Next on the programme is "Pohjola's Daughter" (Op. 49), a symphonic fantasia forming part of his large group of orchestral legends which include "The Swan of Tuonela" and "Lemminkäinen's Homecoming." Following the symphony (Op. 43), the concert tonight ends with the symphonic poem "Tapiola" (Op. 112), which was written in 1925 and so far, seems to be his last work of this nature based on the national legends of Finland.

It is debatable whether the second symphony, in D major, which is being put on tonight, or the fifth (Op. 82) in E flat major, is the more popular. Certainly the latter, by comparison, is the gay and simpler of the two, while there are many who prefer his fourth, Op. 63 in A minor, which Sibelius composed in 1912. None of the Sibelius symphonies are easy at first hearing, thanks not only to his very individual style but also the severe outlines and quick changes of mood. To quote from Calvocoressi again:—

"He is averse to thematic developments which merely sustain the framework of a movement without expressing anything of vital importance; all that concerns him is a lucid statement of what is uppermost in his

mind, without any explanatory parentheses and oratorical perorations. This elliptical manner may disconcert the hearer who expects a certain amount of relaxation into decorative or transitional passages in a symphonic movement, and to him Sibelius may seem almost brutally abrupt and cursory, but familiarity with this compact and pithy style makes it appear immensely satisfying to those who can accustom themselves to understand the general statement of a syllogism without the adduction of minor premises and conclusions."

LAST WEEK

Two comments here about last week's Proms Concert:—

It will come as a relief to many to hear that the announcer was only pinch-hitting for Clifford Davis, who had a date he could not break. The substitute announcer speaks clearly; I am also told he speaks Italian and French fluently. But did you ever hear anyone sounding more highbrow, condescending and too utterly-utter? While I take exception to ignorant announcers who mispronounce words like "scherzo," I take an equally dim view of those who go to the other extreme and give the "exaggerated" Italian pronunciation of "allegro," "plano" and so on. These words are now part of the English musical language; let's keep them that way.

The other comment is on the Canadian Concerto. I rang up a few friends and spoke to others who listened to it. They liked it. I didn't, but perhaps I will if I listen to it a few more times. To me it sounded too much like Clive Richardson and Richard Addinsell at their most glucose, with a dash of Rachmaninoff on the side. Most folk, including Clara Stansfield, liked its melodic content; I thought that feature of it banal and sketchy. Canada is a new country; I hope when I get there in a few weeks' time I shall find it has some composers writing new, thoughtful music. Healey Willan's concerto, however, fills me with a certain amount of foreboding.

"Y" CONCERT

Five works are being presented by the YMCA Music Group this coming Friday in the West Lounge:—

Overture:—"The Merry Wives of Windsor"; Nicolai.

"The Lark Ascending"; Vaughan Williams.

"Sheep may safely graze" (Cantata 208); Bach.

Concerto for harpsichord in B flat; Handel. Soloist: Wanda Landowska.

Symphony No. 4 in E minor; Brahms.

Many consider Brahms' "Fourth" his finest inspiration. It is austere, except in the scherzo movement, almost eerie and other-worldly. The "Pascaglia" finale is based on a chromatic version of a ground-bass borrowed from the Bach cantata "Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich." There are four movements, in E minor, E major, C and E minor—a wide choice of keys for which the Brahms symphonies are noted.

POPOV

G. Popov has completed his five-movement symphony, says a report from Russia. This work, begun in 1939, is intended to commemorate "the struggle of the Spanish people against Franco's regime." It is partly based on Spanish themes, some of which were collected by Glinka during his visit to Spain in 1845.

CRITICISM

John Ireland's piano concerto was recently performed for the first time in Chile. The concert-critic of the "Revista Musical Chilena" has this to say about the work:—

"Although this Concerto was written in 1930, it does not (in our opinion) represent a really original contribution to modern English music. The work shows an excessive use of the methods of post-romanticism with some occasional, purely external, references

to various masters of contemporary music, without giving that sense of sureness of style which we notice in other English composers of today, such as Britten or Walton."

ARTS COUNCIL

The annual report of the Arts Council of Great Britain for 1947 shows that in all parts of the country local initiative and responsibility for the arts has developed rapidly. Locally administered art clubs have been established in many places and various independent organisations have replaced the Council's earlier system of direct provision of music and drama.

The Council's policy of supporting others rather than of setting up State-run enterprises is beginning to have wide effect. The special wartime conditions which led to the enthusiastic reception of factory canteen concerts no longer exist and entertainment during working hours is not a necessity. In many cases, however, "industrial music clubs" drawing their members from factories, have been started.

The "shilling symphony concerts" for factory workers have also been discontinued, but help has been given to the orchestras themselves to enable them to play in industrial areas at small halls where there is no chance of receipts balancing costs.

U.S. ZONE

A United Press message from New York says that Everett Helm, a Minneapolis-born conductor, has been appointed Music & Theatre Officer for Wuersttenberg-Baden, in the U.S. zone of Germany. He is to bring American music to the attention of German musicians, and will try to popularise both serious and lighter works, to be played by German musicians. He is taking with him essential music supplies, for such things as parts for instruments are sadly lacking in Germany today.

RECORD

A recent Columbia issue on four sides is curious in that the composers of the two works performed are merely identified by their surnames. As they are both minor 18th Century composers, one does not know, as regards the first, whether it is one chap or his older brother, and as regards the second, whether it is, again, one chap or either of his two sons!

Not that it really matters, as the main interest for the average music-lover will lie in the flawless, wonderful performance by the world's leading oboeist, Leon Goossens. With Gerald Moore at the piano, and Walter Suesskind conducting, the Philharmonia String Orchestra, Goossens plays, on three sides, Marcello's "Concerto in C minor" and on the fourth, Fiocco's "Arioso" (arr. Bent and O'Neill). In this recording (Columbia DX1389-90).

Alessandro Marcello wrote six concertos for oboe or flute with violin principale and orchestra, but it is probable that this concerto was composed by his better known brother, Benedetto, in or about 1701. As for Fiocco, this might have been Pietro, born in Venice and who later became conductor of the Brussels court; his elder son Giovanni (or Jean, as he was known in Belgium); or the younger, Gioseffo (Joseph). The latter was the most important composer and conductor of the three, as well as being a distinguished harpsichord player. If he did not compose the "Arioso," then I would venture the opinion it is by Pietro.

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1. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
2. Arabic.
3. The Australian Echidna, or ant-eating porcupine.
4. Wellington, in the North Island.
5. The Ten Commandments.
6. Herbert Clark Hoover, now head of the F.B.I.
7. Hawaii.
8. It was surveyed to settle constant bickerings between the Lords Baltimore of Maryland and the Penn family of Pennsylvania, (1767). It was originally marked by milestones, every fifth one bearing on one side the coat of arms of Penn and on the other those of Lord Baltimore.

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BEVAN VERSUS BMA

It was hardly to be expected that a man of Mr. Bevan's temperament would take the opportunity offered by the debate on the health service to pour oil on the troubled waters between himself and the British Medical Association. The leaders of the BMA have not minced their words when attacking him. Why, Mr. Bevan evidently thought, should he show any greater restraint? One only wonders, after reading his accusations of a "squalid political conspiracy," what he said to the negotiating committee of the medical profession in private if he could thus refer to them in public.

There is, however, one overriding reason why Mr. Bevan should have restrained himself. The health service is due to start in less than three months' time. It is quite unrealistic of the BMA to think that the Government will postpone the appointed day because of opposition from the medical profession. On July 5th, the National Insurance Act, the Industrial Injuries Act, the National Assistance Bill and, presumably, the Children Bill, will all come into force. The national health service is an essential part of the framework of social security created by all these measures. How could the Government—how could any Government—agree to defer it even if the deferment would not be regarded as a

political victory for the BMA? After the personal attacks made on the Minister responsible for the health service, such a retreat is quite unlikely.

Nevertheless, Mr. Bevan is clearly going to find it very difficult to introduce the health service successfully, even if by July 5th a large part of the present opposition from the profession has disappeared. It is one thing to announce that the health service comes into force on that date; it will be quite another to make sure that people will then be able to obtain all the benefits to which they are entitled. A Minister who has taken on the gigantic task of providing

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ought to do his best to bring every member of the profession willingly and gladly into his service instead of forcing doctors into it by using the whip of financial insecurity.

It is not concessions that are now wanted so much as a complete change of attitude on both sides. Mr. Bevan has shown more effectively than previously, perhaps, the doubtful value in practice of a right of appeal to the courts, with all its inevitable publicity. On the other hand, when defending the abolition of the sale of practices, he and other Labour members ignore the fact that patients who are thus "bought and sold like cattle" have a perfect right to change their doctor if they do not like him. The case against the sale of practices is undoubtedly strong; it would almost inevitably come about in the course of time.

No Explanation

Mr. Bevan in the recent debate once again affirmed that it is not the Government's intention to extend the basic salary so as to introduce a full-time salaried general practitioner service. But he gave no convincing explanation, other than the familiar one of administrative difficulties, why he insists that the basic salary must form part of every general practitioner's remuneration instead of reserving it for exception cases. Neither his assurance on this point, therefore, nor his reiteration that there will be no censorship on the publication of articles by doctors, will dispel the suspicion in doctors' minds that they will somehow be fettered by the dead hand of Whitehall and victimised if they dare to criticise authority. Modern medicine ought to rely, as Socialist doctors love to point out, on teamwork, on co-operation between its different branches. But more, perhaps, than any other profession, medicine has also needed its rebels, and it is the rebel, the individualist, the unorthodox, so heartily disliked by the Labour movement, who sees his position threatened today.

The three main issues, together with "negative direction," which seems to be making an unobtrusive exit from the BMA's propaganda, concern general practitioners only. Why, therefore, has there been such a hardening of opinion among specialists and consultants, to whom Mr. Bevan has indeed made great concessions in the matter of private wards in the hospitals, if there were not this indefinable fear that the Labour movement, as a whole, has scant respect for the standards and traditions of the liberal professions? The Opposition speakers were, therefore, right to concentrate on this deep-seated hostility of the medical profession to Mr. Bevan rather than to argue at length the

rights and wrongs of the four main issues—on which, indeed, if they had been in power, their attitude, except in the case of the basic salary, would probably have been much the same as Mr. Bevan's.

"Honest Broker"

In thus playing the part of honest broker, the Opposition was also more realist than he. Mr. Butler, its chief spokesman, referred to the Education Act for which he was responsible. In practice, that Act is still far from achieving its great promise. State education, taken as a whole, still tends to have a utility label attached to it. Yet Mr. Butler and his successors have the inestimable advantage that they secured the goodwill and cooperation of the teaching profession before the Act came into force, so that there remains hope that state education will one day hold its own with that provided by the independent schools. Whatever happens as a result of the doctors' plebiscite, unless there is a radical change of attitude on the part of Mr. Bevan and the profession, there will be no goodwill to help the health service over its inevitable first obstacles.

From July 5th, the public will expect—or at least be entitled to—free hospital and consultant treatment when they need it. There is still a shortage of 40,000 nurses to staff the hospital beds, even today when patients have to pay for part of their maintenance. Over the country as a whole, there is a great shortage of consultants and specialists, and those that are available still do not know what their remuneration will be in the new service—even if no other considerations were holding them back. The dentists are up in arms against Mr. Bevan, and even if there were enough dentists and opticians to staff the service, there is likely to be a big shortage of dentures and spectacles, as well as of other medical and surgical appliances, once people are entitled to them free of charge. How far they will be from realising their expectations of the domiciliary and environmental health services to be provided by the local health authorities is apparent from the London County Council's scheme which lists the shortages of staff under each head.

95 Per Cent

Some ninety-five per cent of the population, it is officially estimated, will also expect free treatment from the general practitioners of their choice, of a standard as high as if they paid for it privately. If 17,000 to 18,000 doctors elect to serve them—that would give an average of about 2,500 patients a doctor—the doctors would still have their work cut out to provide treatment up to the best standards of private practice. In present panel practice, five are provided each year for each panel patient, and the number is increasing.

Mr. Bevan will introduce his service on the appointed day, whether 18,000 general practitioners elect to join it or, as the BMA is hoping, less than 8,000; those doctors who do not join will forfeit their claim to compensation for the loss of goodwill in their practices. But the Minister must realise that the less cooperation he evokes, the greater will be the gulf between the service actually provided and the ideal contemplated in the Act and the more private practice will flourish. There was once an occasion, soon after he became Minister of Health, when it seems hardly credible now—he won applause from the British Medical Association for his attitude towards the proposed health service. Can he not recapture that atmosphere and once again exhibit the sweet reasonableness he showed during the passage of the National Health Service Act through Parliament? He would be right to report that the leaders of the BMA should also show some concessions to common sense and goodwill. Their intransigence is no less marked than his own. But it is on his shoulders that most of the blame will fall if, after the appointed day, the national health service founders in unwillingness, inefficiency and distrust.

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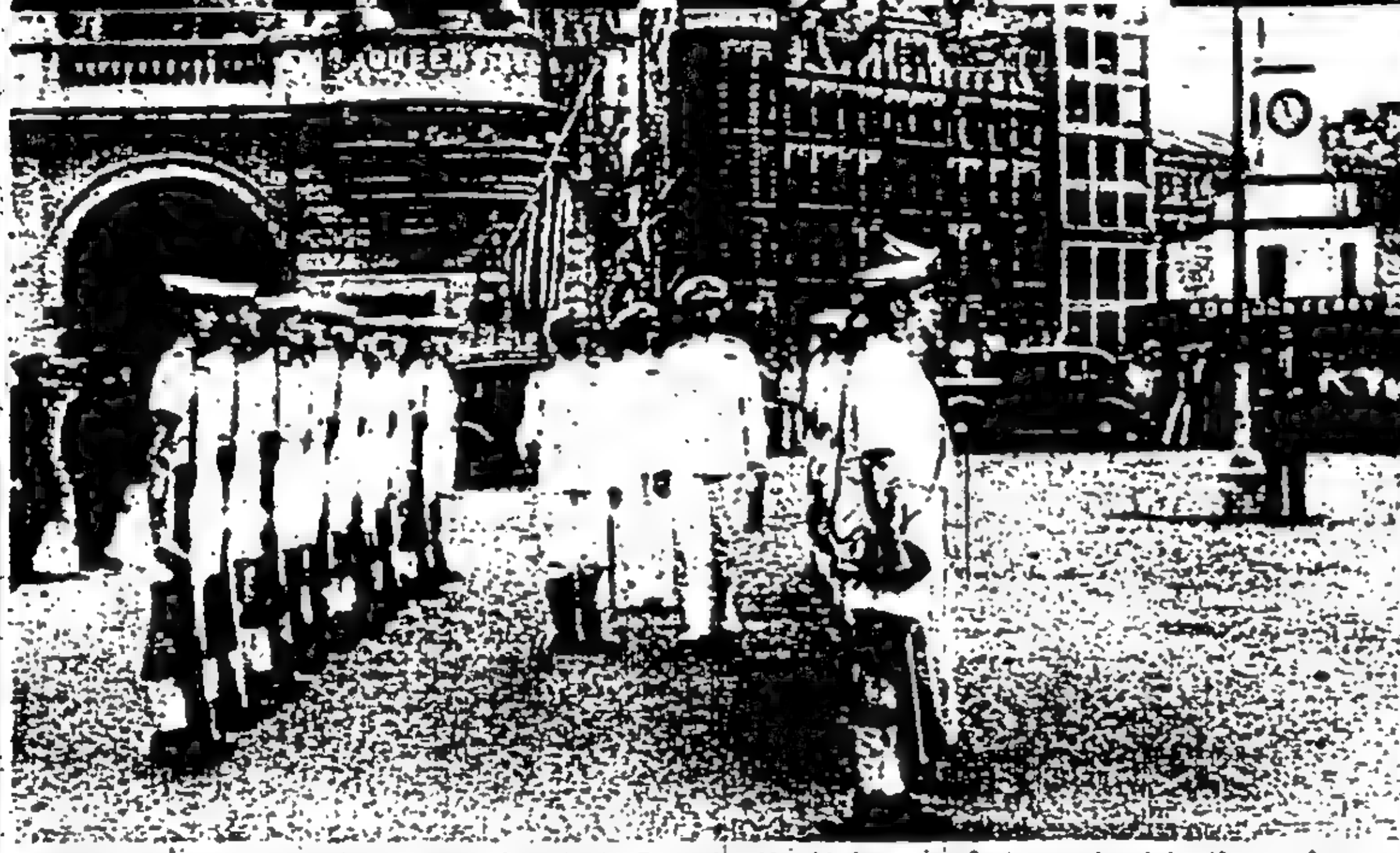
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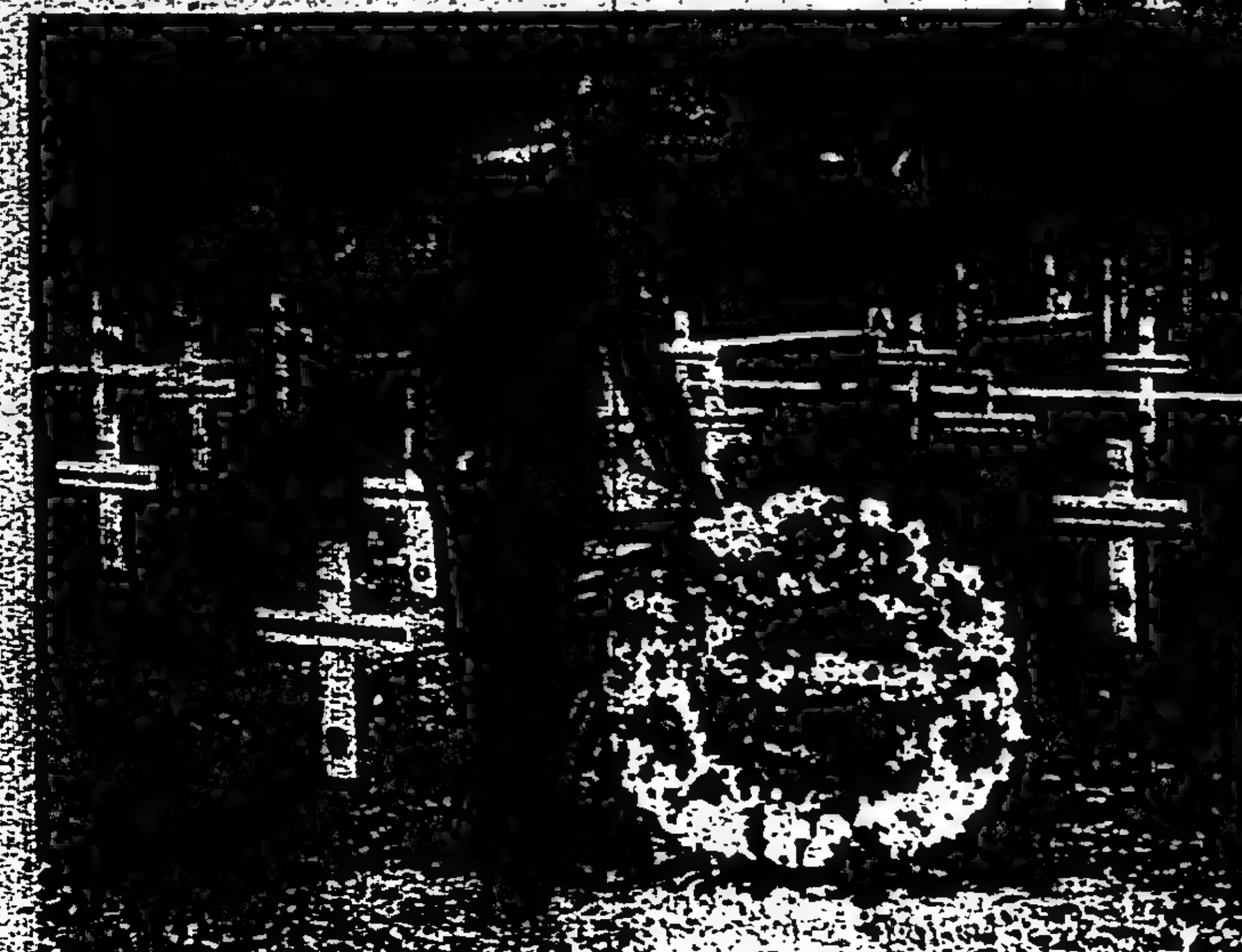
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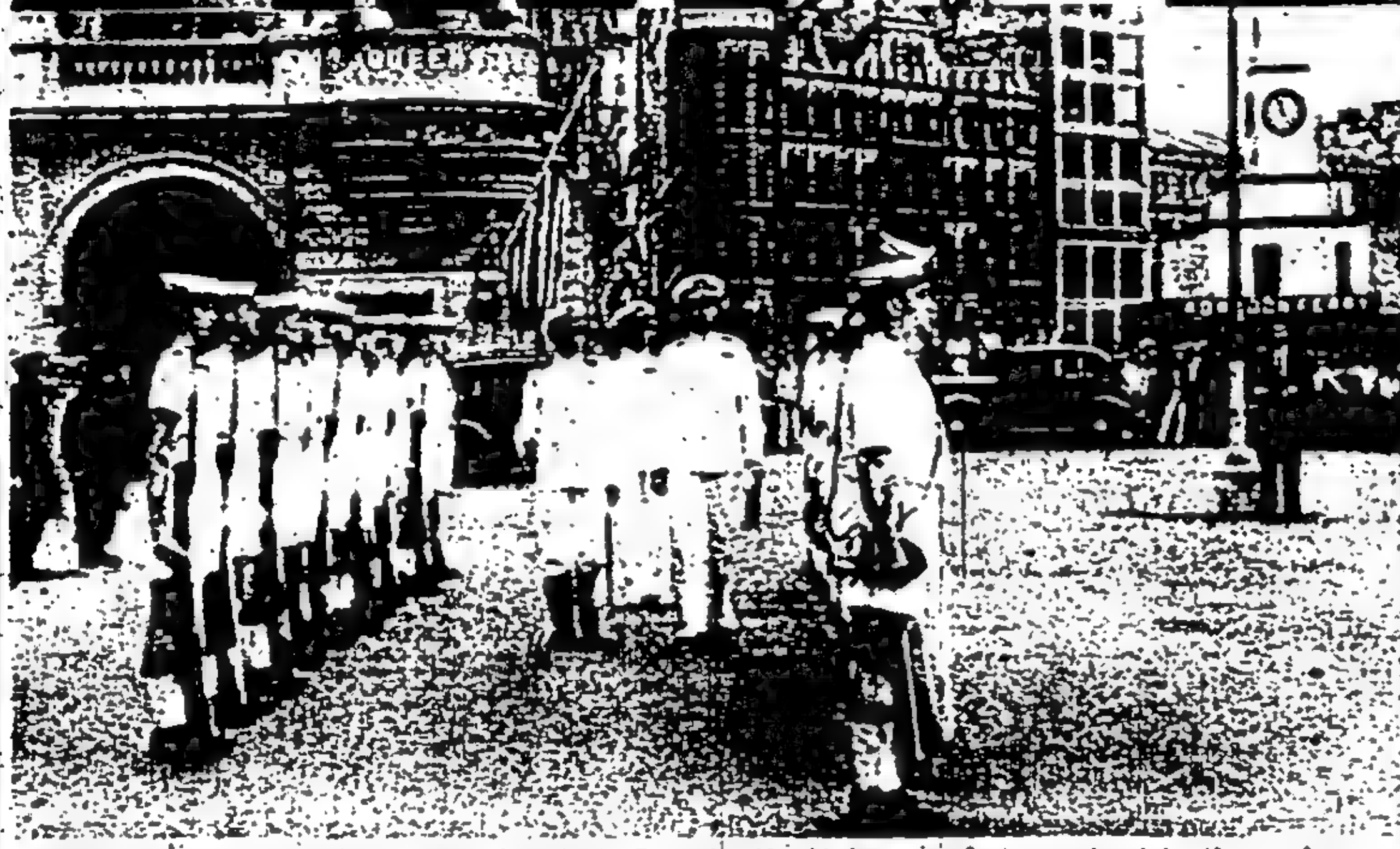
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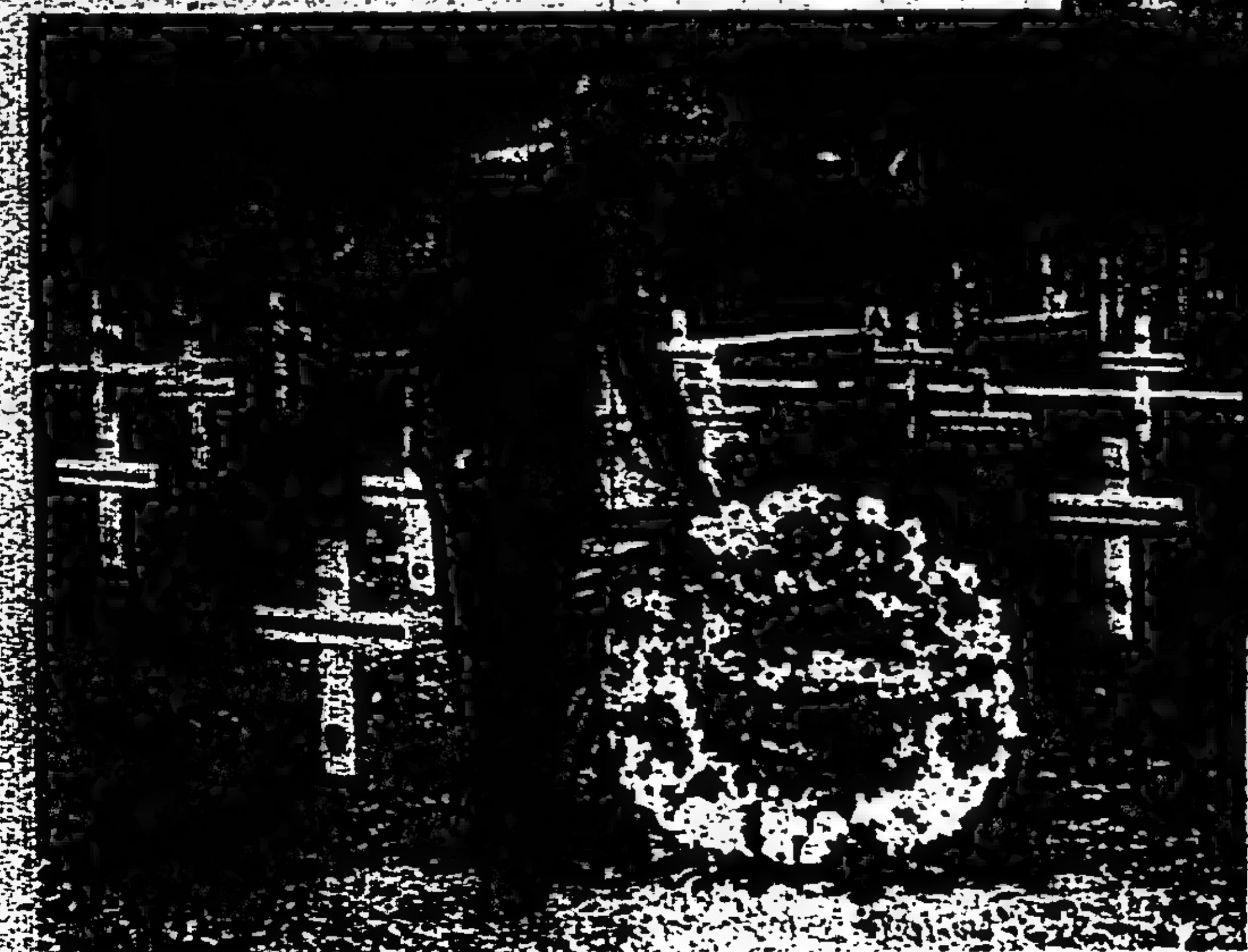
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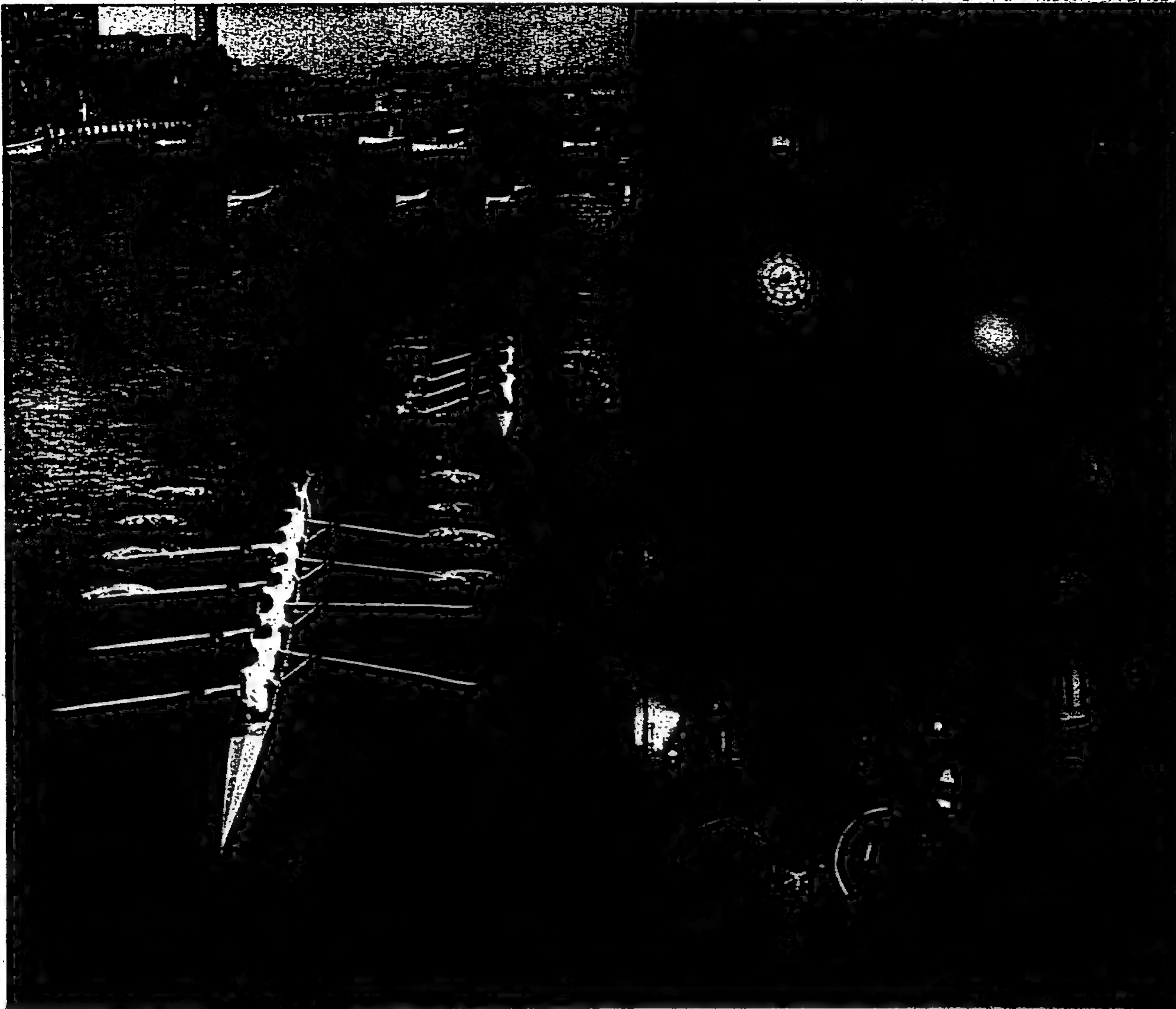


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ENGLAND GETS A SUNSHINE EASTER

These - pictures show Easter events in the British Isles including (above left) Cambridge, who won the Boat Race, approaching Hammer-smith Bridge; (top right) Parliament sitting all night in the last session before the Easter Recess, indicated by the light in the tower above Big Ben; and right, Britons basking in the sunshine at Eastbourne on Good Friday.





CUTTING THE CAKE after the wedding of Miss Helen Skvorzov to Mr. Henri Ballerand at St. Theresa's Church last Sunday. (Watson-Gainsborough).



CHRISTENING.—Mr. and Mrs. H.M.G. Forsgate, with their infant son, Brian Stuart, after his christening at Union Church, Kowloon, last Sunday. (Watson-Gainsborough).



ELIZABETH ANN, the nine-year-old daughter of Jean and Len Stokes, the well-known interport cricketer.



CATHEDRAL WEDDING.—Group photograph taken after the wedding last Saturday at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. Landon Reginald Burch and Miss Joan Mary MacFayden. (China Mail photo).

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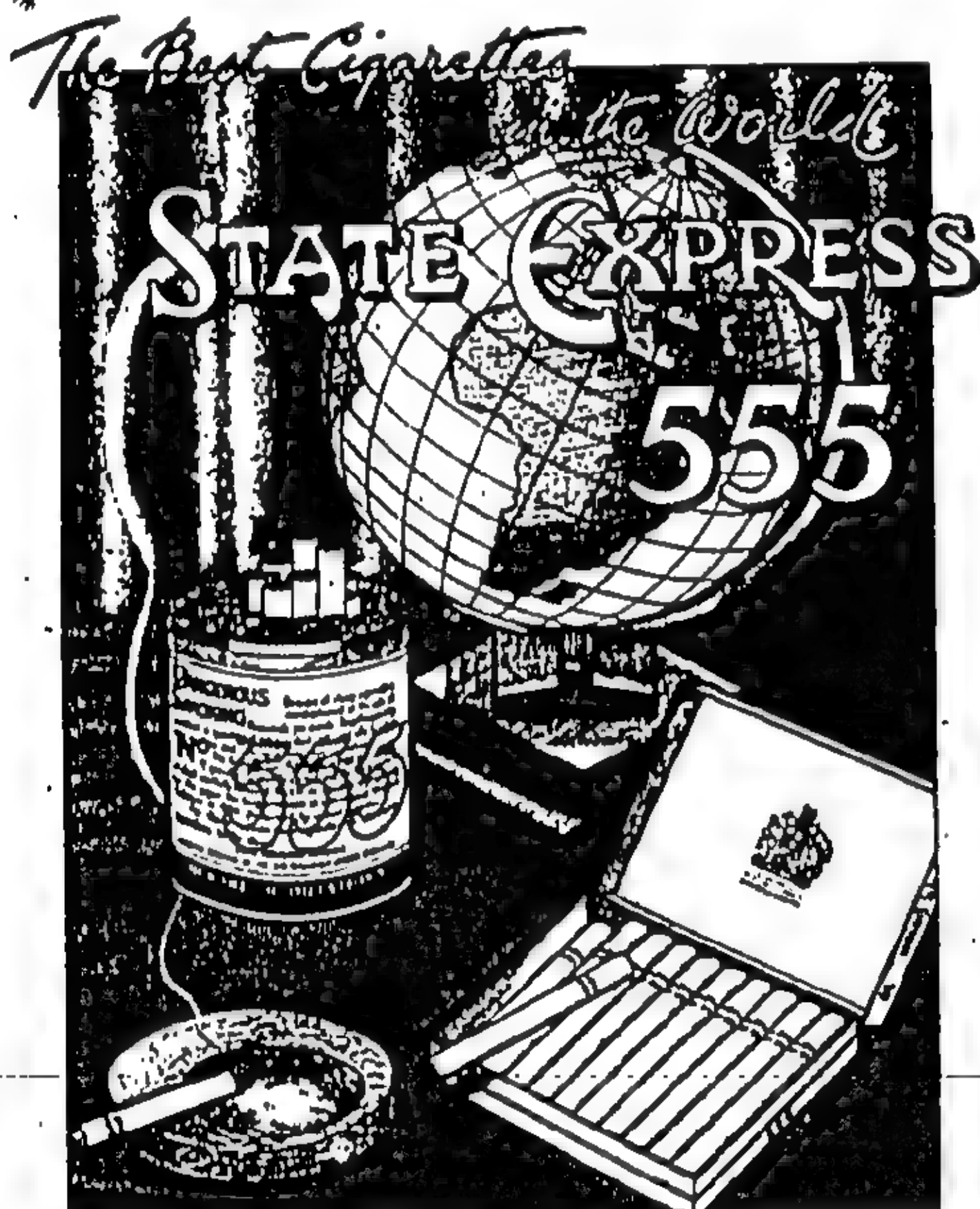
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WAR INCITEMENT CONDEMNED Conference Vote A Rebuff To Pessimists Russia Appears In A New Role

Geneva, Apr. 9.

The Communist bloc at the international conference on Freedom of Information today withdrew its demand for legal measures to combat war mongering and distorted news in the world's press.

The concession enables the United States, the United Kingdom and other Western nations to join in giving unanimous approval to the resolution condemning war incitement and news falsification. The action carried the greatest show of unanimity and conciliation of the three-week old conference into its second straight day.

Carlos Romulo, President of the Conference, held that the vote was a "rebuff to pessimists who would reject all possibility of agreement on basic issues."

Hungary moved a Communist-supported amendment urging legal penalties for war-mongering at the opening of the Policy Committee. Erwin Canham, of the United States, opposed the amendment in the Drafting Committee yesterday. He said it might lead to ways of control and suppression of the press.

Ernest Davies, of the United Kingdom, echoed Canham's words in the Policy Committee and said that his country would not impose any legal restrictions on the press except as to libel, obscenity and copyright.

Victor Groz of Poland said the Hungarian amendment was needed to "change the present deplorable situation in the press of many countries."

Soviet Mediator?

Russia's Alexander Bogomolov appeared in the unexpected role of mediator. He said he realized that some Governments categorically opposed any decisive measure against the press and suggested that some formula satisfactory to them could be found. Britain and Belgium suggested the final form of amendment and it was accepted by Hungary amid applause. Unanimous approval followed.

The amendment called on all countries to "take within their respective territories measures which they consider necessary" to the anti-war-mongering resolution. The resolution itself was unanimously approved in the 10-nation Drafting Committee yesterday and then was approved unanimously by the Policy Committee. The resolution was submitted by the United States and seven other Western States.—United Press.

H.M.S. "Triumph," 13,350-ton aircraft carrier, will visit Trieste next week accompanied by a destroyer. This will be the largest warship to visit the port since creation of the Free Territory. Three United States cruisers recently paid separate visits.—Associated Press.

Capetown, Apr. 9. The "Richmond Castle" sailed today for Britain with mails after which she will go on to Gothenburg with 2,000 tons of South African fruit for Sweden. She is sailing in place of the Swedish ship "Malaren," which was damaged by fire some months ago.—Associated Press.

U.S. Goods For Russia

Washington, Apr. 9. Less than \$250,000 worth of goods have been licensed for shipment to Russia from the United States since March 1, when Government control over exports to Europe, worth over \$100, began. Commerce Department officials estimated today.

About \$2,000,000 worth of goods were licensed in March for shipment to all Eastern Europe, including Russia and Finland, they also estimated.—Reuter.

Malicious Russian Reporting

Geneva, Apr. 9. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, was today accused by Mr. William Benton, former American Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, of "shocking one-sided malicious reporting" of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information here.

In a press interview given a few hours after the Conference had unanimously passed a resolution condemning false reporting, Mr. Benton said:

"If an American, British or French news agency were to be guilty of such reporting, the enraged readers would put it out of business."

"But not Tass. The Tass agency is the official distiller of the Soviet Government."

"It became apparent from the beginning," Mr. Benton said, "that the Soviet Union is in Geneva primarily to create propaganda that they hope will further undermine freedom of expression in the world."—Reuter.

London, Apr. 9. Parliament today extended the powers which the military authorities have to bring to trial British soldiers or airmen who commit a civil offence while serving abroad and then, leaving the Service, cease to become subject to military law.

It is the sequel to the recent case in Germany where an officer was discharged after the Lord Chief Justice had ruled that his trial was unlawful on the ground that it was not begun within three months of the officer's release and he was therefore not subject to military law.

Today, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, obtained approval of a new clause in the Army Act (which also applies to the Air Force) to ensure that such person can be brought to trial beyond the specified three months if an offence was committed by the law of England. The Attorney General would have to give his consent to such a trial.—Reuter.

Canberra, Apr. 9. Australia is considering a draft treaty of commerce and friendship with the United States which is expected to include a military agreement on the lines of the Canadian-American treaty. It is authoritatively learned today.—United Press.

Bellicose Criticisms Of Russia

Teheran, Apr. 9.

Russia today suggested that the Iranian Government should halt the "bellicose" criticisms of the Soviet Union appearing in Iranian newspapers. The suggestion was made in the latest Soviet note in a series of messages exchanged by Iran and Russia.

The Russians claim United States Army officers are wield-

U.S. Plane Subject Of Protest

Melbourne, Apr. 9.

Australia is to protest to the United States after an American "Skymaster," with 44 European Jewish immigrants, landed at Perth today instead of Darwin.

Air Marshal Richard Williams, Director-General of Civil Aviation, said the plane's landing "broke international arrangements regarding entry point."

The plane had been expected at Darwin and special customs and other provisions had to be made at Perth when it landed there, he said.

The plane, which was under charter, left Paris last Saturday and arrived from Batavia. A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Department here said the only ports of entry into Australia for chartered air service were Darwin and Sydney.

The spokesman said the "Skymaster" crew had asked for permission to fly to Perth to pick up 15 United States seamen stranded there, but this had been refused.—Reuter.

ing too much influence over Iran.

Iran replied with protests against alleged Communist propaganda campaigns within her borders.

The Iranian Government revealed the contents of the latest Soviet note against Premier Ibrahim Hakimi and the Iranian Government.

Complaint

Russia's note commented on the complaint from Iran about the speech given in Moscow by a Professor Stenberg. Russia said Stenberg's remarks about the American Military Mission in Iran "conformed with facts."

The note added that Stenberg's speech covered "Iranian policy toward the Soviet Union which was conspicuously demonstrated by Iran's treaty breach in rejecting the Iranian-Soviet oil agreement."

"The Soviet Embassy brings the Iranian Foreign Ministry's attention to the bellicose propaganda against the Soviet Union by the majority of the Iranian press, especially in the last three months."—United Press.

MASS TRIAL OF OFFICERS

Helsinki, Apr. 9. A special military court today freed 13 officers and pronounced light sentences on 12 others accused of taking part in an anti-Government plot in 1945.

This was the third mass-trial of accused officers, who allegedly hid weapons which later were to have been used in an uprising. Sentences ranged from five years hard labour for Col. Valo Nihit-lae and Lt-Col. Usko Heahil to six months for lesser officers. Among those acquitted were Lt-Gen. Axel Aho and Lt-Gen. Einar Mackinen.—United Press.

CARTOON

By STAN HILL



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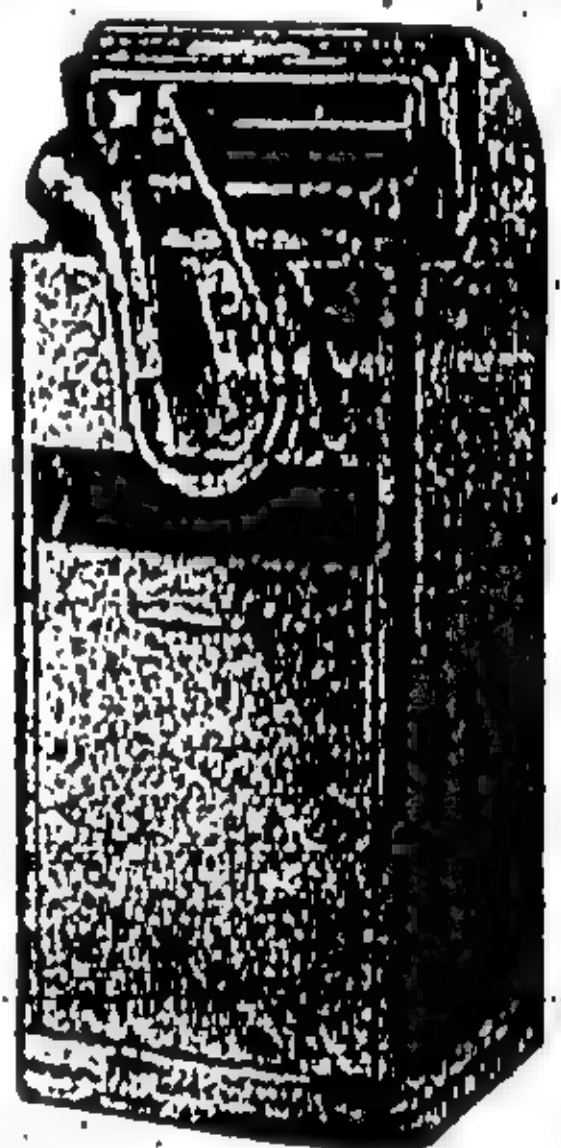
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BIRTHS

RICKETTS.—At Queen Mary Hospital, on 9th April, to Carol, wife of Capt. R. E. Ricketts, the gift of a daughter (Carol Ann).

ALASTAIR.—On 8th April, at Elston, Lancs., to Alastair and Patricia Penhallow (nee Pacey) a daughter—Both well.

DEATH

DORMER. at High Wycombe, Bucks, England, Ralph, beloved husband of Ellen, aged 48, late of the Hong Kong Civil Service, suddenly on March 20th 1948.

RE-HOUSING

The Government have shown themselves singularly squeamish in their handling of the problem of bomb-damaged sites. It is true that they have recently set up a Committee "to consider and make recommendations on the subject" but when the Government cannot make up its mind on a simple matter of this nature, it calls for no expression of surprise to find the appointed Committee turning round immediately and stalling on the extraordinary ground that it would be "hazardous to make recommendations as to what is a practical and fair solution."

To the average citizen, all this makes so much nonsense. The owners of bomb-damaged sites have had more than two years to make up their minds what to do with them, and if they have failed to do so by this time, it is not easy to see why they should deserve any special consideration.

What the background of this business is, it would be interesting to know. The enquiry appears to have been half-heartedly decided upon and, confronted with it, the Committee appears to have made an early discovery that the task is not one which they particularly welcome. Possibly we are over-critical. But we who have spent weeks, months and years stressing the urgency of re-housing, getting something done instead of interminably talking about it, find it difficult to concede anything to the representations of vested interests, however pressing they may be, and no matter from what direction they may happen to come.

This is no time to acquiesce in a situation where owners of ruined property are prepared to sit on the fence, waiting for land values to rise, or for other fortuitous developments to create for them small fortunes, at a risk to public health or otherwise in conflict with the public interest. There is only one thing to be done with bomb-damaged property. A time limit should be set giving the owners an opportunity of disclosing their intentions; and if they cannot be tempted to commit themselves, then Government should take the necessary steps for resumption of the ground.

No objection would be raised to special provisions. There is no reason, for instance, why the owners should not be credited with the value of the land as assessed by public auction, with deductions for the cost of clearance and the expenditure which might otherwise devolve upon the Government.

Much more desirable, though our experience of the Government's disorderly retreats whenever the possibility is raised of municipal housing projects does not encourage persistence in such 'Utopian' suggestions, would be a Government decision to take over all sites which, in the more heavily congested areas, most readily lend themselves to municipal development (are big enough, in other words) and proceed with the construction of model tenements, as the initial stage of a larger scheme of slum clearance. Some of the areas affected, notably Hung Hom and Wan

SUGGESTION FALSIFIED

By H.G.W. Woodhead, CBE

It is not always necessary to indulge in supposable verbiage to produce a suggestive falsity. It can be done by the juxtaposition of photographs, by phrases which presume upon the ignorance of the reader, or by complete disregard of local backgrounds. A case in point is an article upon Hong Kong contributed by Mr. Horace Bristol to the February 21 issue of the Picture Post (Hulton's National Weekly). Mr. Bristol accompanied a group of the Time, Life and Fortune staffs which visited Hong Kong last year, in the capacity of photographer. And his article is illustrated with a number of excellent photographs. It is headed:

"HONGKONG,"

with the sub-title:

"Recent rioting brings it into the news. Last British Colony in China, it is enjoying a boom amidst China's chaos. But both boom and British influence may be nearing their end."

An uninformed British reader, knowing Hong Kong only as a red spot on the map of the world, after perusing Mr. Bristol's article, would be left with the following impressions:

1. That the Colony is primarily run for the benefit of European and American businessmen and the upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers.

2. That the large percentage of illiteracy in the Colony is a reflection upon more than a century of British rule.

3. That there are 700,000 coolie labourers in Hong Kong for whom life is an unending struggle, and who find that "even their handful of rice is now officially rationed."

4. That most foreign businessmen and Government officials enjoy life on the "cool and pleasant" while many of the poorer Chinese live in primitive huts.

5. That living for the privileged foreigner is "cheap and easy."

6. And that "extraterritoriality" as "a thing of the past" will soon disappear.

Tendentious

I do not propose to deal with Mr. Bristol's assumption that British rule over Hong Kong is nearing its end. We may, perhaps derive some comfort from the recent statement of a Government spokesman in the House of Lords that:

"Those who thought that the time had come when we could be appeased, or chivied about, or kicked around with impunity, were making the mistake of their lives."

Instead, I propose to analyse some of the more tendentious features of the Bristol article.

Read the following paragraph:

"Compared with the cost of living in nearby Canton and Shanghai, where inflation is rampant, living is cheap and easy in Hong Kong. Easy, that is, for the 6,000 European and American businessmen for whom the Colony is primarily run, and for the British officials who run it, and for the upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers who have always found the stability of the pound and

the security of the Union Jack, attractive... But for the 700,000 coolie labourers (more than half the population) life is still an unending struggle. Even their handful of rice is now officially rationed, although rice is readily available, for a price, on the black market."

"Cheap and Easy"

Few European or American businessmen would agree that living is cheap and easy in Hong Kong. Hundreds of them are unable to obtain housing accommodation, and the recent official Annual Report conservatively places the cost of living for foreigners at two to four times greater than pre-war. Nor would most informed residents agree that the Colony is primarily run for the benefit of European and American businessmen. The largest items in every budget are for community services (education, public health, police, public works, etc.) from which the entire community benefits. One hardly imagines continued large-scale immigration taking place if the Chinese really felt that the Colony was run for the benefit of a small fraction of its population. Actually, of course, it is the European, American, and Chinese businessmen who pay most of the taxation for community services.

I doubt very much whether there are 700,000 coolie labourers in the Colony, engaged in an endless struggle for existence, and rewarded only with a handful of rationed rice daily. The total population of Hong Kong on V. J. Day was not much over 700,000. And it did not consist solely of coolie labourers. The increase from that figure to an estimated 1,800,000 today has been due to unrestricted immigration and it would be only reasonable to assume that the attraction—even for coolie labourers—has been standards of living and security superior to those in the areas from which the immigrants have come. Is life any less a struggle for coolie labourers in Kwangtung or any neighbouring province? Is it seriously suggested that a Hong Kong, devoid of air-raids, and by (Chinese) looting had the resources, financial or material, to provide adequate housing for an unrestricted inflow of population, a very large percentage of whom contribute nothing to the welfare or prosperity of the Colony?

Mischievous

The innuendo regarding rice-rationing is particularly mischievous. Mr. Bristol ought to be aware that there is an acute shortage of rice throughout Eastern Asia, that rationing was resorted to control the cost of living, and that in the early days of the reoccupation the Government was paying out as much as \$150,000 a day to ensure supplies of rice at a price within reach of the poorer classes of the population. The 63 per cent. of the population (mostly qualified by residence for a minimum period in Hong Kong) who received rice rations (inadequate, it is admitted) during 1947, were getting a considerable proportion of their staple food at the price or under, and the Government issued undoubtedly has an effect upon the price of rice in the open market. If unlimited quantities of rice at cost prices were furnished to the entire population it would furnish an additional incentive to immigration.

Adjoining the paragraph I have been criticizing is a photograph of "A Street Letter Writer" with the sub-title: "Hong Kong has

been British since 1841. But many Chinese are still illiterate." The "but" certainly covers the inference that the British are responsible for this illiteracy. No doubt many Chinese in Hong Kong are illiterate—80 per cent of the population of China is illiterate. "But" since upwards of a million Chinese have entered the Colony since the re-occupation, it would be interesting to know how many local illiterates today were born in the Colony, or have resided here for six years or more (the period selected under the new Municipal Government project as a qualification for the franchise). It was admitted in the Governor's Budget speech that while over 100,000 local children were attending schools, some fifty thousand were without any facilities for education.

Immigration

"But," he added, provision of school buildings for that number would cost \$90,000,000—more than half the Budget for the current year. When complaints are made about inadequate facilities for education the factor of unrestricted immigration again has to be considered. How many of these unprivileged children were born here, or have parents who have resided here for six years? If the question of public education is to be tackled on a realistic, practical basis it should, it seems to me, be laid down that only Chinese children born in the Colony, or whose parents can be regarded as residents, should be eligible for education in any Government-supported or subsidized school or college. Hong Kong cannot conceivably provide free or assisted education of the population of Canton.

On another page are two contrasting photographs of "The Week-end Verandah of the Well-to-do" (with the sub-title "Hong Kong town is hot and humid. But on the Peak it is cool and pleasant whether you are a tired businessman or a harassed official") and "The Everyday House of the Not-so-well-to-do." The former depicts a verandah at Shek-O, miles distant from the Peak; the latter shows two children peeping out of a makeshift hole in a wall. No doubt photographs showing similar contrasts could be taken in London, New York or even Canton.

Finally, as an example of confusion of thought, I will quote from the last paragraph of Horace Bristol's article:

"Even the old Hong Kong families, whose grandfathers and great-grandfathers established the Colony, and laid the foundation for the solid growth that followed through the years, admit to themselves that it is only a matter of time before extraterritoriality is a thing of the past."

To that I need only rejoin that logically "it is impossible for something that has never existed to become a 'thing of the past'."

PRINCE IN HOSPITAL

Copenhagen, Apr. 7. Prince Rene of Bourbon Parme has been taken to Copenhagen Municipal Hospital with a broken leg, it was learned today.

The Prince broke one leg and seriously hurt one of his hips when falling down a staircase in his Copenhagen home.

Rene's wife and daughter, Princess Margrethe and Princess Anne, who are at present in Paris were expected back in Copenhagen in the middle of this month. The accident may make them change their plans and return earlier.—Associated Press.

The Importance Of Italy

By SCRUTATOR

In the conflict, daily becoming keener, between Russian imperialism and the remaining free nations of Europe, the next main theatre of operations is Italy. Perhaps "next" is misleading, for Italy has in a sense long been that. As far back as the Spanish Civil War the Russians became active to her strategic importance. Since 1945 their main campaign against Western Europe may be expressed in a series of connected propositions—if the Dardanelles falls, Greece falls; if Greece falls, Italy falls; if Italy falls, France falls; if France falls, that is the end of Western Europe. Hence the "cold" war against Turkey and the "guerrilla" war against Greece; both of which Russia would have won some time ago had it not been for the succour afforded to the two threatened nations, first by Great Britain, and later by the United States.

Trieste Errors

The Russians had at the outset one heavy handicap. They had promised to help their Yugoslav puppet Government to annex Italian Trieste. So bitter was that pill to Italian sentiment that Signor Togliatti, the Russians' Fifth Column leader in Italian politics, had to sit to be excused from advocating it. But the Western Powers eventually threw away much of their advantage by agreeing, as a compromise, to the "internationalisation" of Trieste. The present writer always regarded that policy as a make-believe which could not be carried out. And so the event has proved it. It is the face of the precedent afforded by the "Free City" of Danzig, it remains a puzzle to him that so many Englishmen were able at the time to view it more favourably.

Once the Trieste controversy was closed, even by a make-believe, the Russians were able to go ahead on their usual lines. On nearly all the rest of Italy's foreign affairs they could take her side, and particularly on the restoration of some at least of her colonies. But their main arguments were internal and domestic. They spent money and money to capture control of the trade unions. They also sought to capture the main Italian Socialist Party. Here luck was on their side. The party's leader, Signor Nenni, was a veteran of great prestige and small intelligence. He owed his popularity to his vigorous denunciations of the West, and he had preserved his political integrity against all manner of threats and inducements, including Mussolini's. In this way he stood out as a national figure in a country where very few such are left.

Not Equal

Unfortunately his brains were not equal to the position. On the platform he is a noisy wind-

bag, often carried away by his rhetoric into saying imprudent things. In council he has small sense of the practical, and cannot see either that a mountain is large or that a molehill is small. By playing on his vanity and incoherence the Russians soon made him their man; and he used his influence to swing nearly the whole Italian Socialist Party into the position of "yellow-travellers." At the general election fixed for April 18 next the Nenni candidates are standing together with the Communists on what is virtually a single ticket.

The expression "nearly" has been used because from the outset a section of the Socialists revolted and seceded from the fatal course. But it was small, and its leader, Signor Saragat, though a man of high character and intelligence, had no following. It is thoroughly capable of being matched with Signor Nenni's. The secession group was thus a comparative failure at the start; it remains to be seen whether it may not increase its following now that the example of Prague is there to show "yellow-travellers" what they may expect. On the other hand, the Russians are doing all they can to stir up the militant feelings of the Italian working-class by a series of large strikes. That these injure business and impede any chance of the country's economic recovery does not deter their promoters. For they want no recovery at this stage, since the troubled waters of unemployment and shortage are much more profitable for them to fish in.

Danger to Europe

The danger for free Europe is that on April 18 the Communist-Socialist bloc might win the Italian elections. If they did, Italy would quit Western Europe and become part of Eastern. Without Russia's having moved a single soldier, a nation of over 40 millions would have been turned into a vassal of the Russian empire, just as Rumania, Jugoslavia and now Czechoslovakia are vassals. Russia would be able to use her air bases in wartime—including those which give control of the Mediterranean and those which would render indefensible the strategic position of France. The threat to France would be particularly formidable, and it is not easy to see how that country—in whose soul the iron of defeat has already bitten so deeply—could be expected to face it. Add the moral effect which the Russianification of such a numerous and historic people would exert over the rest of Europe and there is a clear possibility of the European scales being so badly tipped that no efforts of Great Britain and the United States could again redress the balance.

Hatred of Church

In some measure, therefore, the fate of us all depends on what happens at the coming Italian polls. In part they may be decided by internal politics. The average Nenni Socialist has not aligned with the Communists for love of Russia, but for hatred of the Church. Into such quarrels it is not our business to enter, but we should bring out the supremacy of the international issues. The United States has let it be known that, if Italy returns to power the Communists who unceasingly denounce the Marshall Plan, she will be regarded as having voted herself outside receiving any American aid. The Three Powers' announcement about Trieste has reminded Italians who are their friends and who their enemies in that deeply-felt matter. Conversely the Russian propaganda denounces ceaselessly the withholding of the colonies. Yet a Communist victory could hardly help the Italians there; for it is to airfields in Tripoli and Cyrenaica that we should have to look for safety if those in Italy were turned over to Russian use.

Assuming that the polls favour us, the good effect upon Europe will be considerable. It may amount to a turning of the tide. It should in any case result in the accession of Italy to the Brussels Five-Power Treaty, and therewith in a distinctly improved prospect both for the economy and for the security of all the countries concerned.

CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN

London, Apr. 7. Crown Princess Louise of Sweden has "settled down, quietly" for a month's visit with her mother, the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven, in Kensington Palace. Swedish Legation officials said today.

The Princess will be an "honorary" guest at ceremonies in St. Paul's Cathedral on April 22 celebrating the Silver Wedding anniversary of King George and Queen Elizabeth. Likewise, she will attend a private party, the next evening, to which King and Queen have invited Italian guests.—Associated Press.

HISTORIAN IN STONE

By Reginald Pound

His Roosevelt statue is not the last order on his belt, by any means, but now on he hints, he may decide not to take life quite so ardently.

Busy Years

"I've not had one slack day since I came home from the war before the last," he says in a voice unusually soft for a Scot from Glasgow, and reports that "Recent Prince of Wales" is a "A good many must be feeling the pinch."

Starting as a stonemason's help after leaving the Glasgow School of Art at 15, he has a long series of spectacular commissions to his name. Some of them are destined to become of historical importance, that is, if history permits it. He has perpetuated more kings, queens, and other royal personages in bronze and stone than any other sculptor of our day.

Windsor. Queen Mary, watching him at work on it in a beautiful portico-coloured stone from Italy called Bianco del Mare, decided that she should be similarly commemorated. He has carried out that commission too.

Godiva Girls

He did a fine head of Mr. Churchill. It shows him with his light-on-the-beachers expression. But Sir William does not consider the ex-Prime Minister a good alter. "Too many secretaries tripping in and out."

One of his jobs is Lady Godiva for Coventry. He used several models, in fact a succession of them to impersonate her. One supplied the inspiration for her arms, another for her legs. "And so on," he says.

He does not let himself be drawn into public controversies if he can help it. For instance, it is hard to tell whether or not he agrees with the Roosevelt memorial committee's verdict that the figure should be shown standing, not sitting.

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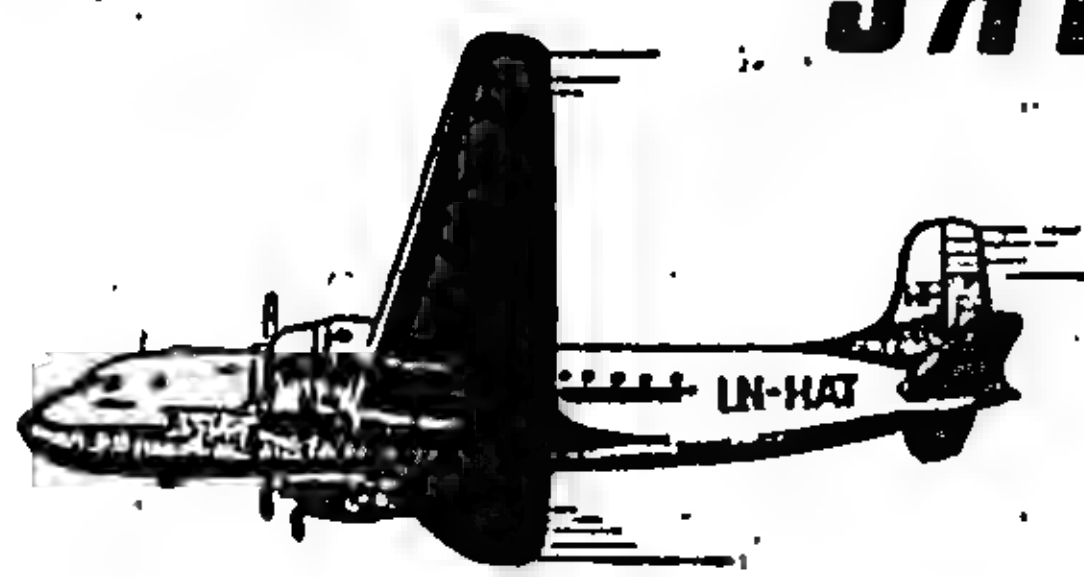
One has the impression, but only an impression, that Sir William thinks it was a mistake. He has produced a capital likeness in the face. He did it, he says, with the help of underlings, "hundreds" of photographs.

Conspicuous in his studio is a large square mirror. He puts his sitters in front of it. Apparently they do not all like to be stared at and studied at first hand. But the mirror also gives him new angles.

While Grosvenor-square is being got ready for the great day, the 3-ton bronze statue of President Roosevelt is being cast at the foundry. Labour shortages in recent years produced a lack of skill in that craft.

These next two weeks will be important ones for Sir William. He might even bring home some anxiety, but I doubt if he would show it.

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Britain Gives 'A Soft Reply' Surprisingly Mild Answer To Soviet Note On B.E.A. Air Crash

Russians Agree To Hold Enquiry

Berlin, Apr. 9.

The British determination to relieve the tension in policy decisions on Germany was seen by Allied observers here tonight as the explanation of today's two Berlin surprises. They were: (1) The decision of the Western Allies not to call the Control Council meeting, scheduled for tomorrow, and (2) The deliberately undramatic and businesslike tone of General Sir Brian Robertson's reply to Marshal Sokolovsky on the air crash enquiry.

There have been recent indications that British policy is now foremost in urging speedy measures to create a new political framework for the integration of Western Germany into Western Europe.

The most weighty of these was General Robertson's speech last Wednesday. At the same time, the British authorities have adopted a less demonstrative attitude than the Americans in the present crisis.

For instance, they did not announce a large-scale "air lift" when the Russians imposed new regulations on inter-zonal transport, and they have not tried to evict the Russian guards from the radio station in the British sector as the Americans did from the Reichsbahn (railway) headquarters.

General Robertson today told eight Swedish newspaper editors here that his Dueseldorf speech—interpreted as heralding a West German Government—was "merely a milestone in the present developments".

The editors are touring the British Zone of Germany.

British Reply

Berlin, Apr. 9.

The text of General Sir Brian Robertson's note to Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky: "I regret that there has been a slight delay in replying to your letter dated April 6 because I have been temporarily away from Berlin."

"From the start it has been my opinion that we should avoid final conclusions until the cause of the catastrophe into an investigation has been held. I am, however, bound to say that the information so far at my disposal is at variance with the story of the circumstances made in your letter."

"His Majesty's Government have noted with appreciation that you have published an expression of regret for the lives of British, American and Soviet personnel lost in this catastrophe. His Majesty's Government shares this regret."

"In view of the fact that all persons on both aircraft have been killed it is difficult to prorate a full and formal inquiry. A technical investigation by experts is, however, clearly necessary. I have been already provided with the assistance of experts sent from London for this purpose."

Some Progress

"Some progress toward ascertaining facts has already been made by them. I shall be pleased to place at your disposal all the evidence I have in my possession and shall be glad to receive the same in return. You so that we both may be put in possession of all the facts."

"I shall also wish to give General Clay (Lucius D. Clay, American occupation commander) the evidence in my possession in view of the loss of American lives."

"I can assure you that all British aircraft flying in the Berlin area and in the corridors to the Western zones of Germany have instructions to observe strictly the flight safety regulations of the Allied control authority."

Board Of Experts

"A Soviet-controlled German news agency announced tonight that Russian occupation authorities had appointed a Board of experts to work with the British in the investigation of Monday's collision of a British transport plane and a Soviet fighter which cost 15 lives."

Although the text of the Soviet reply to British General Sir Brian Robertson's note has not been made public, the announcement of the news agency DAN made it apparent that the Russians had accepted the British invitation for a joint investigation. Lieutenant General G. S. Lukatschenko, Soviet Chief of Staff, told the British:

"Soviet headquarters has appointed its experts, led by chief of the Armed Air Division of the Soviet Military Administration, General Alexandrov, to start investigating the cause of the air crash of Apr. 5 mutually with British experts."

Alexandrov was not further identified.—Associated Press.

American Communists 'Coddled'

Washington, Apr. 9.

The House Un-American Activities Committee today urged Congress to pass drastic laws to curb the activities of the Communist Party and include a provision for criminal prosecution of Party officers if they violate legislation.

The proposal was included in a sweeping legislative programme outlined by the Committee to curb what it called the "American bridgehead of the Red Army."

The Committee accused the Justice Department of "coddling" American Communists.

"The Communist Party in the United States without question constitutes a clear and present danger to our national security," it said.—United Press.

New York, Apr. 8.

The newspaper "PM" will continue publication for another week to give prospective purchasers more time to complete proposals, it was announced today. The present publisher, Marshall Field III, previously announced that publication would end on Friday unless a purchaser was found.—Associated Press.

Hungarian P.O.W.s. Return

Budapest, Apr. 9.

The return of Hungarian prisoners of war from the Soviet Union will start next week, the Soviet Government informed the Hungarian Government today.

About 10,000 prisoners will be sent home next month. It was added.

A Soviet promise to release all Hungarian prisoners this year was announced after Hungary had signed a 20-year pact of friendship and alliance with the Soviet Union in February.—Reuter.

Russians Do It

Berlin, Apr. 9.

An airport official at the Tempelhof (American) Berlin airport said today that Russian planes violated the four-power air safety regulations near Tempelhof "at least ten times every month."

Complaints to the Russian section of the Air Safety Centre always received the reply that no Russian planes were in the vicinity, he added.—Reuter.

WESTERN POWER TALKS ON GERMANY

London, Apr. 9.

An authoritative American source predicted today that the Western power talks opening here in about ten days would produce a Western German Government "with many aspects of sovereignty."

The talks will be a resumption of the conference on German problems among representatives of Britain, the United States, France and the Benelux countries. When the conference recessed last month, it was agreed that a Federal Government for the Western zones was urgently needed.

"If anything, the situation is now even more urgent," the source said, commenting upon Berlin developments and persistent rumours that Russia plans to establish an "all-German" Government in the Eastern Zone.

The source said that despite French fears of creating anything save the weakest of German Governments, the three Western occupation powers were more or less in agreement.

He said the conference would last two to three weeks and added: "I see nothing to prevent action based on its decisions within a few months."

Soviet "Stooge"

He said the Western powers did not contemplate the establishment of a Western German Government for all Germany, although he acknowledged that he had heard reports that the Soviet planned a "stooge" Government in the Eastern zone with the idea of claiming authority over the entire German nation.

"We envisage a Government for the three Western zones that could, under the right circumstances, assimilate Eastern Germany. Our idea is that the occupation powers should retain a measure of authority—but that the new Government should be

a Government with many aspects of sovereignty. He said that a "five-point plan" for the establishment of a Western German Government within a year, which reportedly has been discussed by Western power representatives in Berlin, did not have the official sanction of the American Government.

"Doubtless suggestions along these lines have been discussed among American officials in Berlin and may have been discussed with other power representatives. They have not, however, been put forward officially by the United States Government."

Concrete Plans

He indicated that the United States would be prepared to put forward a concrete plan or plans at the forthcoming London meeting as the basis of discussion.

The Foreign Office in London refused to comment on press reports that the three-power "working party" which has been meeting in Berlin was considering an American plan for the initial establishment of a provisional tri-zone Government, to be followed by reorganization of the zones, election of an assembly, drafting of a constitution and finally formation of a permanent Western German Government.

The spokesman said: "You may take it that we are wedded to no such plan."—United Press.

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ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

MRS. LEAH MANNING, M.P., who wept in the House of Commons because "men sit here coldly discussing war," tells in an interview, how she believes

WOMEN COULD SAVE THE PEACE

Somehow we women must take a hand and show that we can run things better. For centuries the men have had it their way, and look what has happened! War after war.

"It's the women's turn now, and certainly we could show the men," So says Mrs. Leah Manning.

And as a start the red-haired, massive, 60-year-old ex-school teacher wants to organise an all-women convalescence through Eastern Europe, including Russia.

"I want to give it a start by sending a trainload of, say, 150 British women, ordinary housewives, drawn from all sections of the community—and no men allowed."

"It would be best if we didn't see or talk to a single man all the way through Western Europe, Germany, Poland, Russia, and back via Rumania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia."

"I want us to see no one but the women of the countries we visit, especially in Russia. 'You see, you men are always ideological. We women are biological, and that makes all the difference.'"

"When we got back from our tour I would want a group of Russian women, ordinary housewives, too, to come here and, see us in our homes, so that they can see for themselves how little difference there is between us, how many of the things they have been told about us are untrue."

For Women Only

"Later I would like women from other Eastern European countries to visit us, and then American women visiting Europe and return visits to the U.S. All for women only. It's the only way I can see to stop this dreadful drift towards war."

"Would it work? Of course it would, and the men know it. I spoke for women everywhere in my speech at Westminster."

"Today I have messages from women all over the country, women of all parties, thanking me and appealing to me to do something more so that the women can stop the men from heading towards war."

"First obstacle is to get the men in Russia, chiefly Stalin and those around him in the Kremlin, to agree to let us go to Russia and talk with the Russian women."

All right, Mr. Stalin, let my cavalcade come in and talk with your women. We'll stop all the nonsense between us. There are good things in Russia, so let us see and know about them and let the Russian women come here and see the good things about us. What do the Russian men want to hide?

As For The Men

"Finally, if we can't make the men see reason, we'll have to copy the women of 'Lysistrata,' but I'm sure the men would never let it go as far as that."

"Let the men here listen too, including some of the leaders of my own party. 'Mind you, I know that if I can get this thing going we British women can manage' the British men. They aren't likely to be much of an obstacle."

"Unfortunately, that isn't the case in Eastern Europe. There, what the men say still goes."

Lysistrata; or, The Strike of the Wives, is a play written in Aristophanes in which the Greek women presented this ultimatum to their warring menfolk: "Stop fighting or we'll refuse to live with you." The men capitulated.

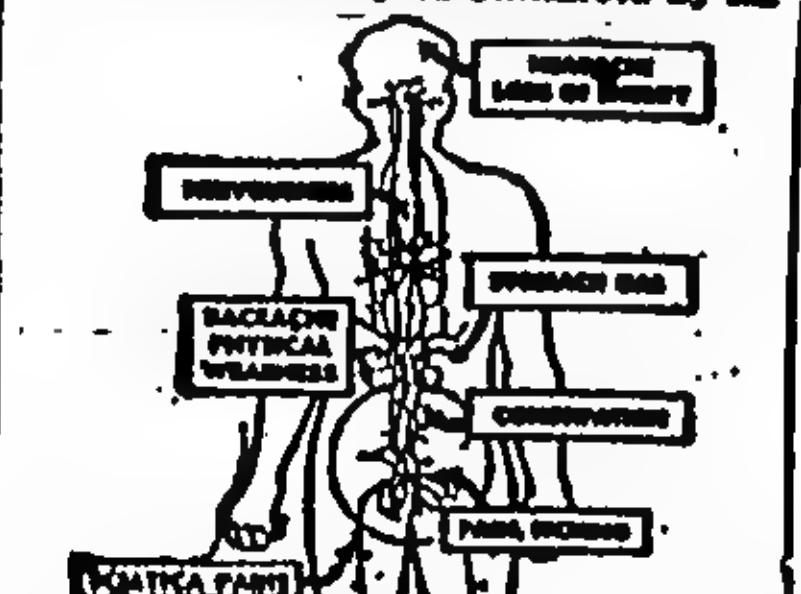
What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Kung Shewng Yat Po: The housing shortage problem has been in existence since Liberation. And despite such measures as the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance, the Tenancy Tribunal and the plans for rehabilitation of damaged buildings adopted by Government, the situation remains acute.

In most residential quarters, every available inch of space in every flat is utilised to the utmost. A flat normally constructed to house one family is now packed with five, six and in some instances up to 10 families. It is not uncommon nowadays to find between 60 and 70 persons living in one flat. Within the same four walls of a flat a law-abiding citizen finds himself a neighbour of a rascal, a respectable housewife finds herself separated from a prostitute by only a thin wooden partition; and an inmate of one cubicle who works hard during the day is robbed of rest during the night by the continuous playing of marjion in adjoining cubicles.

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Upon such confusion, such fostering of crime, such unhappiness and such spiritual and mental torture, the average citizen cannot but look with disgust and discouragement.

DISAPPOINTED

Before the war, such deplorable conditions existed only in the slum areas. Today, with the exception of a few residential areas of the rich, they are general. The public tolerated such conditions believing that improvements would be made. Today they are disappointed and dismayed, having waited in vain for the situation to improve.

According to the P.W.D., although 5,431 applications for construction of houses were received, only 321 houses were completed last year owing to shortage of materials. This is less than one-sixteenth. The Director of P.W.D. has said that if materials are available some 5,000 houses would be completed this year including 4,000 Chinese-style dwellings. When completed, the houses will accommodate some 100,000 people.

It will be good news when these promises materialise. But Government meanwhile should determine whether it is only the shortage of materials that is delaying construction of buildings. Building contractors have a different view on the subject.

Leaving it in the hands of private interests will not solve the problem. The main object of a landlord is profit. He is not interested in undertakings which do not give him the return he expects. Both rent and "key money" today are exorbitant. The construction of houses for which such demands are made will not solve the housing problem.

KEY MONEY

In a prosperous section of Wanchai today there is a new block of houses not fully occupied although completed several months ago. The reason why the block is still not fully occupied is obvious. The rent and "key money" demanded have kept house-hungry citizens away. Government should fully appreciate the situation and realise that construction of houses by

COLD WAR IN LANCASHIRE

Down the alley, of the Lancashire spinning mill the spindles in their twirling thousands whirled out the two-century-old anthem of the Industrial Revolution.

Trumpeting through my hands, I shouted above the din to the mill manager who was showing rounds. "This piece of apparatus looks a bit like Arkwright's Mule."

The manager winked and roared, in a broad Lancashire and not without a hint of pride: "Why not—it is."

I gaped. So he took me kindly by the arm, led me outside until the appalling roar of the mill had died to a restrained hum, and explained: "You see, it is the same thing to all intents and purposes."

Best In The World

Those machines you were looking at are very little different in principle from the ones that Richard Arkwright devised. They still make the best cotton yarn in the world.

"More modern machines? Higher output? Oh, yes, we tried some American-type plant once and we didn't like it."

"We experimented with it along-side an old-time machine and sent samples of their production to the Cotton Research Institute. Yarn produced on the old machine was 25 per cent. more efficient. We stuck to it."

"Quality is what counts when we try to sell abroad today. And Lancashire still makes the finest quality cotton in the world—on the old machines."

Now that mill manager is a go-ahead executive of a progressively minded firm. His mill has a day nursery for women operatives' children (staffed by a qualified matron and nurses), an up-to-date canteen, expert welfare staff, modern classrooms, wash-rooms and medical quarters, and fluorescent lighting throughout.

The only reason for the absence of modern steps in and shoulders the responsibility for housing accommodation will the shortage be alleviated. We strongly recommend that the Hong Kong Government take up this responsibility.

Should funds be found lacking, Government can resort to floating a public loan or organising state lotteries. We trust Government will consider these suggestions.

Wah Kiu Yat Po: Delay in implementing the China-Hong Kong Anti-Smuggling Pact is mainly due to disagreement between the parties concerned over the apportionment of the proceeds from the sale of confiscated goods.

Hong Kong maintains that 60 per cent should go to the China and 40 per cent to Hong Kong. China, however, is not satisfied with 60 per cent. She wants a higher percentage.

We wish to point out that the primary object of the Pact is to protect the revenue of China through the suppression of smuggling. In view of this, it is worth to make some concessions to gain Hong Kong's co-operation.

If agreement cannot be reached on the 60-40 basis, then why does not China remove all restrictions on imports. In this way smuggling would cease to be a lucrative business and China would be able to derive revenue which she has and is still losing through smuggling.

MILITARY PENSIONS

New Delhi, Apr. 8. The Defence Minister, Baldev Singh, announced in Parliament today the Government of India's decision to restore with retrospective effect military pensions for forfeited for participation in political movements aimed at Indian independence since 1919.

He did not say the number of such pensioners but it is believed to be considerable. It is applicable to Indian nationals irrespective of community, including those migrated from Pakistan. Associated Press.

outline through the haze of dust and cotton-waste and past misery. Yet the whole picture is still dominated by the patriarchal shade of the late Sir Richard Arkwright (1732-1820), the Bolton barber whose inventions transformed a cottage industry almost overnight.

Getting Weaving

This is the industry which shares with wool in 1948 the new and solemn responsibility of spearheading Britain's export drive. The country today looks as desperately, to Cotton as she did to Coal in 1947.

More cotton & wool mean more textile exports, which mean more dollars, which mean more food. It's as basic as that.

I went to Lancashire to see how the cotton industry is shaping up before the searching spotlights of its new starring role.

Cotton, I found, is engaged in a sort of cold war of its own, with Lancashire as the main battleground and Whitehall the Second Front.

Dyed-In-The-Wool

Undeclared war No. 1 is between the Left and Right Wings of the millowners—the "progressives" on one side of the barricades and the dyed-in-the-cotton reactionaries on the other.

The progressives say: "We must seize every chance of experiment and modernisation in production systems and management. No scheme is too hare-brained. We must brighten up the industry, make it colourful and attractive to bring back the missing labour." The country needs us. We mustn't let it down."

Now this is how I had the attitude of the extreme die-hards summed up for me: "How can you put colour into the cotton industry? Cotton is 'dirty white'—and that's that."

These extremists are accused of having any demand for progress with a tattle of the loose change in their trousers pockets and the blunt query: "What's in it for us, lad?"

The ranks of these Dickensian industrial ogres are gradually thinning, but the thinking men of Cotton declare their influence is still too strong.

Naturally there is a middle-of-the-road school, fortunately quite large, which sensibly realises that the "We-can-get-along-as-we-always-did" attitude of the utter traditionalists can lead only to stagnation and decay.

But they are also realistic about the difficulties of superimposing scientific advancement on the mixture of pride and prejudice that is the framework of Lancashire cotton.

For instance, they think no useful purpose is served by political speeches in London referring to the "stink-holes of Lancashire."

Which leads to underground war No. 2—going on between the industry as a whole and the super-planners of the South, who are apt to be regarded in Lancashire as mere text-book theorists, damned by their own detachment.

Long-range missiles in this battle swish up from the launching platforms of Whitehall. These are certain controls, regulations, Orders, and departmental letters, classified by millowners and executives as non-constructive and frustrating.

What Looms Ahead

Most of the cotton men I met concede the need for some basic control. But progressives and die-hards, split as they are on many policy questions of their industry's future, are agreed on this: as one put it to me: "Too many controls will spoil our cloth."

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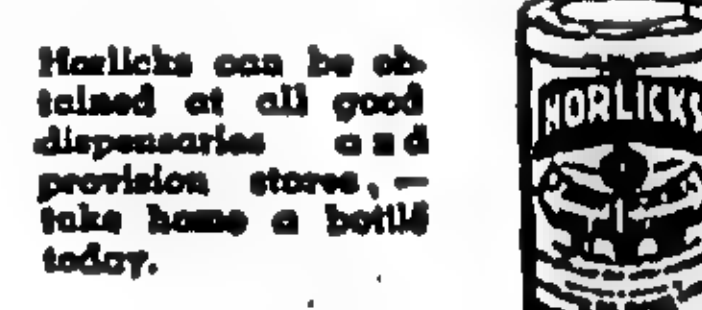
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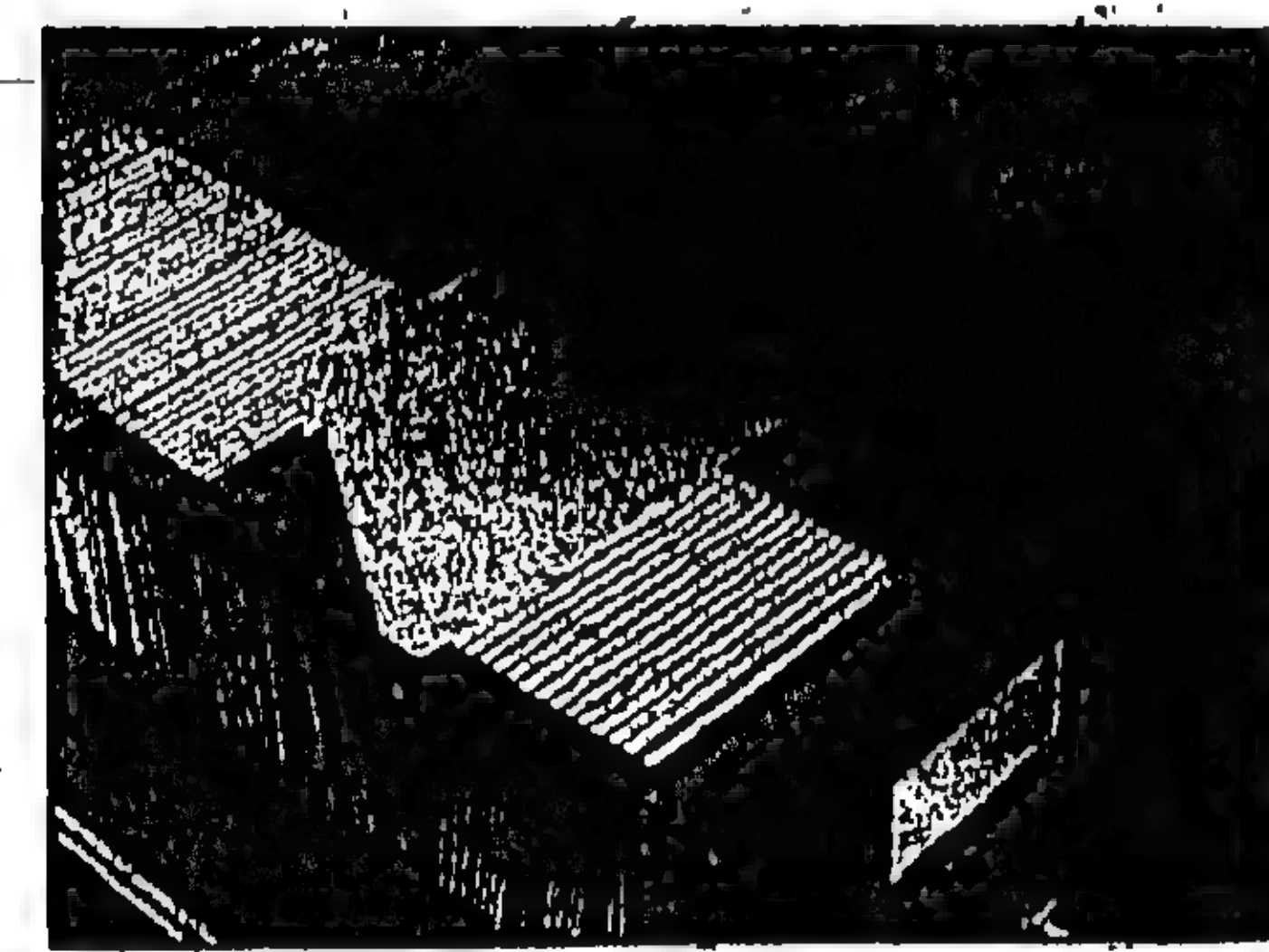
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Nuremberg, Apr. 9.

"Hitler, with all his cunning and utter wickedness, would have remained harmless as a gossiping fool" if he had not such men as the accused at his service, said the American war crimes court today, when 20 Nazi "extermination squad" officers were found guilty of killing more than a million people—Jews, gypsies and other opponents of the Nazi regime.

The judgment described it as "the biggest murder case in history". The court said the accused, members of the notorious Einsatz Commando "extermination units", were mostly university scholars and their crimes could not be explained by lack of education.

Their deeds were "pitiless in the extreme." As they had admitted, they would have been very happy if Hitler had won the war, even at the cost of 2,000,000 murders.

The crimes of which the officers were found guilty included participation in murder, membership of criminal organizations, and theft of gold and jewels.

The judgment remarked on the "two-faced" nature of former SS General Otto Ohlendorf—on one side lecturer, scholar and humanitarian, and on the other side a

leader of an organization which he admitted exterminated 90,000 people. SS Brigadier Heine Jost, whose Einsatz unit committed "several hundred thousand murders" and who was also guilty of enslavement of civilians in the past, and of inhuman acts against them, was "fully responsible" for the mass murders, the court said.

So was Brigadier Erich Naumann, who, on his own admission, had adopted the view that there was nothing immoral in Hitler's order as "mass murders were necessary to achieve the aim of the war."

Two Freed

Explaining the cases of two defendants found not guilty, Matthias Graf, an officer in Einsatz Group 6, and Felix Ruehl, an officer in Einsatz Group "B"—the court said that one of them, Graf, had been arrested by the Germans after refusing to accept the command of one operation. The court ordered that Graf be freed immediately after final sentences are passed on his co-defendants tomorrow.—Reuter.

Warsaw, Apr. 9.

The police today announced the arrest of a Polish employee of the Mexican Legation, charged with forging 28 Mexican passports. They said other arrests might follow. The unnamed Legation employee was said to have received 150,000 zloties for fake passports.—United Press.

U.S. Correspondent
Detained

Buenos Aires, Apr. 9.

Miss Virginia Lee Warren, "New York Times" Correspondent in the Argentine, was questioned by the political section of the police on Friday, following her detention on Thursday in connection with a bank clerk's strike.

Miss Warren said that she had been formally arrested and her movements restricted until the police finally agreed to release her on parole. No official explanation for her arrest was given.

In private life, she is Mrs. Milton Brackes. Her husband is also a "New York Times" correspondent, in Buenos Aires. A United States Embassy Attache, who accompanied Miss Warren to the police station, said that she was "completely cleared of any suspicion of being connected with the bank strike in any way."

Questioned

The political section of the police asked her what she knew about three persons the Govern-

Albania
Rejects Offer

Lake Success, Apr. 9.

Albania today rejected the offer of the United Nations Special Balkan Committee to assist in putting into effect a General Assembly resolution calling for the restoration of normal diplomatic and good neighbourly relations between Greece and her northern neighbours. The rejection was contained in a letter to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, from H. Hysni Kape, the Albanian Deputy Foreign Minister.

The letter said: "The United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans, in its composition and its attitude, demonstrates that it is not acting by virtue of the high principles of the United Nations but that it has placed itself in the direct service of warmongers against peace and tranquillity in the Balkans and in the world."—Reuter.

Railway Services
Reduced

Washington, Apr. 9.

The United States Office of Defense Transportation today ordered coal-burning passenger and goods train services to be cut in half from next Thursday midnight because of the continued strike of the country's 400,000 soft coal miners, led by Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the United Mineworkers Union, who have been on strike for 26 days, supporting a demand for miners' pensions.

Coal-burning passenger and goods train services have already been cut by 25 per cent and today's decision means a further cut next week of 25 per cent of the normal traffic.—Reuter.

Britain
To Take
The Lead

Chicago, Apr. 9.

The British Ambassador to the United States, Lord Inverchapel, said today that Britain intends to take the lead in building a non-Communist Union of the Western European States.

"In solving the economic problem of Europe—and we are determined to solve it—we shall go a long way toward checking the spread of Communism," said the Ambassador.

Lord Inverchapel said Communism has its "roots in poverty, want, confusion and the sense of insecurity" and praised the United States for the European Recovery Programme which would help the European nations regain their economic stability.

He said Britain is "pledged to making an increasing contribution" from her industrial resources for Europe's reconstruction.—United Press.

Lewis's
Legal
Punch

Washington, Apr. 9.

The United Mine Workers leader, John L. Lewis, today threw a legal punch at the Government and soft-coal mine operators in a move which may delay the court order sending his 400,000 Union members back to work.

Union lawyers asked the Federal District Court to dismiss the operators' petition for the appointment of a third "neutral" trustee for the union's multi-million-dollar health and welfare fund. Observers said the soft-coal mines may be kept idle ten more days as a result. The strike is already in its 26th day.

The showdown will come on Monday, when Lewis appears before Federal Judge Alan Goldsborough to show cause for not reopening the mines. If Mr. Goldsborough holds that his April 3 order has been violated, he will try Lewis and the union on contempt of court charges on Wednesday.

Mr. Goldsborough is the same jurist who fined Lewis and the Union \$5,810,000 in 1946 for defying a similar order.

A source said the Justice Department believes it has a sure-fire contempt case against the miners and Lewis. The New Jersey Republican representative, Fred Hartley, chairman of the House Labour Committee, announced that his committee would "move and move fast" on new anti-strike legislation if this strike is not settled by Monday.—United Press.

'Brabazon'
Too Dear
For BOAC?

London, Apr. 9.

The building of two prototypes of the giant "Brabazon" aeroplane, designed to fly about 100 passengers nonstop from London to New York, will cost £5,836,000 on present estimates, a House of Commons all-party committee reported today.

If the cost of the prototypes was reflected in the sales price, it was doubtful if the British Overseas Airways Corporation would buy the three "Brabazons" they would take if the machine was a success.

The Ministry of Supply estimate of price, excluding prototype costs, was £1,250,000. The committee today recommended that the "Brabazon" and also the 10-engined giant "Saunders-Roe" flying boat, should be put into production as soon as possible if they proved successful.

The "Brabazon" may make its first test flights this summer, while the Saunders-Roe Company hope that the first test flight of the flying boat can take place in December of next year.—Reuter.

Labour MPs Defy
Party Ban

London, Apr. 9.

Thirty Labour Members of Parliament today defied their party's boycott of the United Europe Conference at The Hague from May 7 to 10, it was learned tonight. The party advised its members not to attend because it felt that a movement with the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, as the mainspring would not attract all the progressive elements in Europe.

Labour Members who, nevertheless, will go to The Hague include Mr. W. G. MacKay, who has been leader of the "Federalist" group of Labour Members of Parliament, and Mr. Richard Crossman, the Left Wing leader. Members of Parliament and a number of Liberals and Independents at the Congress.

A large Labour representation is expected at the "rival" International Labour Western Union Conference to be held in Paris this month, but British political quarters, which have been working for Labour participation in The Hague Congress, think the two even can be complementary.—Reuter.

Parliamentarians from several continental countries today attended a London meeting of the European Parliamentary Union.

Next Debate

European Parliaments have now been put in possession of the recent resolution, demanding European Union, which was signed by 180 Members of Parliament of all parties.

Parliament is not expected to debate the resolution specially but many of the signatories will speak on its subject—the creation of a Federation of Western Europe—in the next foreign affairs debate, expected in a week or two.—Reuter.

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MAKE-UP BY OPTICAL ILLUSION

By VICTOR MAMAR

Is your mouth too large, or your nose too long? Would you like to conceal high cheekbones, or a double chin? If so, these and a score of other beauty handicaps can be overcome by the simple use of optical illusion in your daily make-up.

It is a trick as old as the history of make-up—fractured every day by beauty-conscious women the world over—but especially in motion picture studios, where a star of mediocre beauty can appear stunning in her classic beauty—and all attained by the cunning of a make-up artist!

The magic of motion picture make-up is too well known to need much comment here. We know that it is not unusual for a screen actress to span the years from adolescence to old age in a single hour of screen entertainment, or to change from brunette to blonde in the same picture. We have seen careers on their "last legs" given a new lease on life, merely by a new hair-do, or a new make-up... with a resultant complete change of screen personality. And we have seen young actresses shot to stardom almost overnight—thanks again mainly to the genius and wizardry of the local make-up artists.

In private life, a new understanding and application of this same principle of corrective make-up may often develop and enhance a personality to a remarkable degree.

There will be nothing "theatrical" about your make-up if you carefully follow the principles of "Optical Illusion" on a much more modified scale than that used for screen or stage make-up.

Light And Shadow

To better understand "Make-up by Optical Illusion," think of the human eye as a camera. It sees lights and shadows—each contrasting with the other. The lights, of course, make the greater impression. Therefore, to make a feature prominent, highlight it. To throw it into obscurity, shadow it.

The human eye is easily tricked by lights and shadows. Things appear prominent according to the amount of light they reflect.

don't want seen. To conceal a double chin, shade it with a darker make-up than you use for the rest of your face. To strengthen a weak chin, shade it lighter and give it a subtle touch of highlight.

Thus, a certain feature may be more prominent by applying highlight. If it is to be made less prominent, it should be shadowed or shadowed with a touch of darker make-up base, dark rouge or darker powder.

Light make-up base, light rouge and light powder are highlights, whereas darker shades of these are shadows.

Thus, if the eyes seem to protrude too much, they need to be "set deeper" in the eye cavity. A deep cavity would be indicated by a shadow over it, so, therefore, use a dark eyeshadow to give the illusion of depth.

If, on the other hand, the eye cavity is too deep, use a lighter make-up in place of a shadow. This will diminish the depth of the cavity.

To add length to the face, accent the perpendicular, and reduce the horizontal aspects. Keep the rouge towards the centre, let the hair over the sides of the face, expose the forehead and use a lighter powder from the forehead to both extremes.

To straighten out a crooked nose, shadow out the part you

Width And Depth

Narrow faces can be made to look wider by extending light powder and rouge further back on the face, while wide faces can be narrowed by shadowing the party you wish to conceal. To add width to the face, accent and extend the horizontal lines, the eyebrows and the lips, and expose the side of the face by proper arrangement of hair.

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Ann Temple

The problem of In-Laws

We've been living with my in-laws for three years. My husband carries out his mother's every wish—if he didn't there would be strong admonition from an indignant mother.

But my small requests go unheeded. I suppose I'm jealous, but what is it in me that fails to get the respect his mother gets? I don't exactly want to command respect, but to receive it. I want my wishes and opinions to be heeded.—DOROTHY.

There are times when one can blame circumstances more than oneself. This is one of them. It would be just too tough on a man who had to carry out every wish and heed every opinion of two women in his household.

Remember he is in his mother's home and has been brought up that way. He just jumps to it by force of habit. When you have a

place of your own—and I do wish you luck in getting somewhere soon—you'll get the benefit of the training mother has put him through.

There is such a thing as having to keep up a standard. To some extent attention has to be exacted or men get very slack. But be wise for a little longer—two going for him would drive him nuts.

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TODAY is the West End night, people, dancing in the city round. There's a happy hunting ground for Berill. In a cocktail bar she found the two women she's pictured here.

The one on the left achieved a brilliant effect by wearing a contrasting hat and tie-dye of red with her simple dress of misty grey moss crepe. Her friend's navy motif dress reveals a lovely petticoat. The hat she's wearing is a light brown straw with coral trimmings.

Berill smiled her notes just as they left the cocktail party for their...

Luncheon date



FIT YOUR BED TO SUIT YOUR ROOM

BIG beds in small flats are apt to be a nuisance when it comes to fitting in other furniture necessities as well, and designers of beds and bedrooms are paying extra attention lately to space-saving ideas.

For a while it looked as if the head-board-less bed was here to stay, but there is a shortage of wallpaper and that faded out (the fact not the wallpaper). Several better ideas, designed for comfort, are now going the rounds of the big stores in America and elsewhere.

One notion that is growing in popularity is one headboard joining twin beds. There is no trouble about making this bed, because special frames or casters swing apart when necessary.

For saving space in a small flat, many people fall back on the studio couch along one wall. Valuable storage shelves can be kept free if the bed pillows are given a cover of bright material to match the rest of the room and instead of cushions. All you need do is rip the covers off, and there you have your pillow.

Another idea is beds that have a right of lift arm, so that they can be given a modern setting, one on each side of a fireplace. This is ideal for small one-room apartments.

Talking of arms, the ordinary headboard is having its face lifted. The latest padded varieties have arms at either side that let down, making comfortable rests for reading (or eating) in bed. And for those who have no space problem, there is now the circular bed. Completely round, the headboard continues for half the distance. What will they think of next?

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Long and Short Fruit Drinks

By CHARMIAN MAYNARD

When planning a party in the hot weather to come, you can get worry off your mind by preparing the long and short fruit drinks well in advance.

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Mix all ingredients and chill well before serving, strained and unstrained, according to taste.

Lemonade with lemon

For eight before-dinner servings allow 1 1/2 cups lemon juice, 1/2 cup sugar, one cup orange juice, 1/2 cup sugar, and one cup crushed ice.

Shake all ingredients in shaker or jar.

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ARMY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Gunners Back At
Head Of Table

Five matches in the Army Soccer League were played during the week, resulting in Royal Artillery, beating H.Q.L.F. by three goals to one; Buffs beating Sappers, 1-0; Signals drawing with Buffs, 2-2; H.Q.L.F. drawing with B.M.H., 1-1; and R.E.M.E. trouncing Sappers, 2-0.

The Artillery, after their 3-1 victory over Land Forces have once again established themselves at the top of the League. Inis-killing are still second, with H.Q.L.F. third. It is possible, but very unlikely, that the Buffs or R.E.M.E. might be able to shift H.Q.L.F. from their position. Here is the League table to date:—

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Artillery	11	8	2	0	22	12	16
Inis-killing	12	7	3	2	23	18	14
H.Q.L.F.	12	6	4	2	21	18	13
Buffs	11	5	5	1	18	11	11
R.E.M.E.	12	5	6	1	24	21	11
Sappers	12	2	8	1	17	40	6
Land Forces	12	1	10	1	12	41	3

The two draws of this week came as a great surprise. Signals in their match against the Buffs were very unlucky not to win. Till half-way in the second half they held at 2-0 victory over their opponents.

Signals 2 Buffs 2

Playing better football and displaying more team work Signals out of the field quite happy when they shared four goals with the Buffs.

Outstanding in this match were McCall and Wright—inside and outside right for the Signals. It was obvious that this pair had played together often, as their combination was good. The Signals centre forward, Brown, also played a good game. Always roaming in the centre of the field, he was quick to snap upon any stray passes. He distributed the ball well, and was a cause of much worry to Majendie.

It wasn't until late in the first half that Signals scored their first goal when Wright intercepted a neat pass from McCall, easily beat Hansen with a cross shot. Once or twice in the second half the Buffs' forwards tried very hard. Mellowship had a good try at netting but Gray did well to save. A few minutes later Signals' increased their lead through their outside left. Two corners in quick succession were given against the Buffs, and in one Majendie just managed to clear the ball away from the goal line. Sides, inside left played a good game for the Buffs and he scored both their goals, which came late in the second half.

H.Q.L.F. 1 B.M.H. 1

One-time holders of the Army League trophy, H.Q.L.F. only drew with B.M.H. The game was rather scrappy—good defensive work on both sides but all forwards were weak. Hazleton, centre half for the "Doctors," was the outstanding player.

From the start, H.Q. Land Forces nearly scored through Harrison who shot just wide of the goal. A few minutes later Searle had another crack at the "Doctors' goal, but Williams was in good form and saved well.

After fifteen minutes of play the score was opened by Land Forces. Rogers at outside left, after a dash down the wing, centred the ball. Searle coming in from the wing met the ball just as it reached the ground, and before it had time to bounce, smacked it hard into the back of the net. The remainder of the first half found B.M.H. striving for a goal. Several of their raids looked dangerous, but Dumford, in goal for Land Forces, showed good anticipation and a safe pair of hands.

In the second half it was very noticeable the number of times B.M.H. appealed to the referee. This habit, more common in professional football, has not so far crept into the Army League. It is far better left to the "paid footballers." Excitement was high when Dumford excelled himself. From practically point-blank range, he saved his side, from what seemed to be a certain goal. Not long after this, however, the "Doctors" ensured themselves of one point when Sweeney, their inside left, beat Dumford all ends up. It was a good shot and Dumford did not have a chance. After 20 minutes play a further raid by the B.M.H. was deftly dealt with by Lyons who throughout played a good steady game.

The loss of one point has now put Land Forces in a sticky position. It remains to be seen

if they can hold the third position in the League.

Buffs 1 Sappers 0

Although the Buffs fielded a far superior team, they were lucky to finish a goal in the lead. Football never reached a high standard, although everyone, particularly the Sappers, were as keen as mustard. Hegley, in goal for the Sappers, was well tested and he certainly brought off some fine saves. Majendie, centre half for the Buffs, played his usual strong game, keeping his team together. The Buffs team would have been lost without him.

No score materialised in the first half, which was rather dull except for a good display of goal-keeping on both sides. Early on in the second half the Buffs obtained their only goal when Williams, outside right, smacked the ball against the crossbar and from the rebound Mellowship, outside left, had no difficulty in beating Hegley.

Goal Disallowed

Not more than 10 minutes after their goal Buffs found themselves on the defensive. Hall, always a constant source of worry, seemed set on scoring. Allmark, Sappers outside right, passed the ball right into the centre but Hall in his keenness missed the ball completely. However, Hawes, the inside left, took the ball in his stride and sent it curving into the top of the net, giving Hansen no chance at all. It was most unfortunate that Hall was blown off-side, as it really was a picture goal. The few minutes left for play found both teams struggling for the upper hand, but neither team added anything extra to the score.

R.E.M.E. 2 Sappers 0

If Sappers had taken things a little easier in the first half they might have been able to hold the R.E.M.E. Score at half-time was 0-0, but Sappers had literally "killed" themselves, and consequently R.E.M.E. were able to score twice in the second half. Both these goals came from Cantwell, playing centre forward, who at one period of the game had to leave the field owing to injuries. Twinn on the opposing forward line played well, but for the splendid work of Cordell, R.E.M.E. goalkeeper, in the first half, one or two of Twinn's hard drives might have found the net.

The first half was in favour of the Sappers, but some wild kicking and Cordell's good work in goal prevented them from scoring. The second half was totally different for R.E.M.E. were always on the attack. Cordell had very little to do. Towards the end of the second half Sappers looked tired, and when the opportunity arose Cantwell scored with very little interference.

A good cross by Beattie provided R.E.M.E. with their second goal and again the goal scorer was Cantwell. This win for R.E.M.E. now puts them in a favourable position to jump above the Buffs, at the moment, by beating them by two points but have played one extra match.

Opium Production
In Siam

Bangkok, Apr. 10.

The Siam Government has prohibited the production of opium, according to an announcement made by Kukrit Pramoj, Acting Minister of Finance. He said that the action had been taken in order to help wipe out the illicit sale of the narcotic in Siam and its neighbouring countries and to salvage thousands of acres of paddy land now being despoiled by poppy cultivation.

Kukrit's announcement was made when a member of Parliament from Chiangmai, in the north, raised the issue on the floor of the National Assembly saying that 5,000 acres of paddy land in his province could not now be cultivated because of water shortages caused by the

felling of trees in the mountainous regions in order to clear land for poppy cultivation.

The Acting Minister of Finance said that the Hill tribes cultivating poppies produced from 84,000 to 115,000 kilograms of raw opium annually, but that only about 20 per cent of this amount was legally distributed.

The rest was smuggled into Bangkok or over the borders to Burma and China.

Still A Monopoly

Siam's annual opium production represented a trade worth approximately \$22,000,000 (US currency) in the illicit markets and about \$8,000,000 through official channels.

The prohibition does not mean that the Government is surrendering its interest in the opium trade, it was pointed out. The monopoly is still a major revenue source and opium will continue to be brought into the country to be manufactured into heroin.

—Reuter.

Russia Asked To
Join In Talks

London, Apr. 9.

Britain today invited the Soviet Government to take part in preliminary discussions in Paris next month designed to return Trieste Free Territory to Italy. A note, proposing a conference of "the powers principally concerned" in the question, was sent today to M. George Zarubin, the Soviet Ambassador in London.

The note also urged Russia to agree as promptly as possible to the proposals made on March 20 by Britain, France and the United States, that the Free Territory of Trieste should be returned to Italy.

At the same time, a note informing the Italian Government of the terms of the proposal just made to Russia was sent to the Italian Ambassador in London.

The Yugoslav Embassy in London was also informed of the action taken.

The decision to propose a conference in Paris in May on the Trieste question has been taken, it is learned on good authority, after consulting France and the United States, the other two powers who, with Britain, sponsored the original declaration proposing the return of Trieste to Italy.

It is understood that similar notes were to be presented by the French and United States Governments to Russia and Italy.

Official quarters in London indicated that the phrase "the powers principally concerned," which describes the nations who may be invited to the conference, has been left purposely vague so that the question of invitations could be discussed on a four-power basis.

The original three-power declaration on Trieste suggested negotiations should be limited to the Big Four, plus Italy.

Acknowledged

Since the three Western powers first proposed the return to Italy of the Free Territory of Trieste, no substantial answer has been received from Russia.

So far, only a formal acknowledgment of the suggestion had reached the Foreign Office from Moscow.

Italy, on the other hand, has warmly accepted the offer of the Western powers to sponsor a revision of the Trieste section of the Italian peace treaty.

Today's move by the Western powers indicates an attempt to secure a clear statement of Russia's attitude on Trieste so that the present state of uncertainty in the Free Territory can be ended.

Text Of Notice

The note to Russia says: "In the opinion of the British Government, 'the present unsettled situation in the Free Territory is largely due to the continuing uncertainty of the inhabitants of the area as to their political future. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be at one with His Majesty's Government in wishing to see the restoration of peace and stability in the area.'—Reuter.

Loss Of
Face Led
To Murder

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

A Japanese policeman charged with robbery caused such grief and loss of face to his family that his father, who was his grandmother, mother, two sisters and two brothers and then killed himself by leaping into a well.

Twenty-two-year-old Iwalehi Namiki was still under police investigation today and the authorities said for the time being they would purposely withhold the news from him to avoid his "possible derangement."

The boy's father, Kisaburo Namiki, 47, farmer of Kamata Ward, failed to kill a third son, who explained the murder. With deep cuts in the neck, the hospitalized boy said his father suddenly rose from his bed and began hacking at his family with an axe. He then saw his father unsuccessfully try to hang himself and after that jump into a well near the house.

The youth said his father had been despondent since it was reported that Iwalehi was under arrest for the theft of 250,000 yen worth of electrical appliances. A neighbour's girl, delivering newspapers early today, discovered seven blood-covered bodies, a few of which were still half-alive.—United Press.

Only A
Personal
Opinion

Singapore, Apr. 10.

The Governor of Singapore, Sir Franklin Gimson, told an audience at a public ceremony that General Percival, in his dispatches, had not intended to make any general criticism of the conduct of Malayan civilians in the war against Japan.

The dispatches had caused much resentment among Malayan, particularly among the Chinese community. Sir Franklin said General Percival had merely given a personal opinion of some aspects of the conduct of the civilian population. "I am sure he would be the last to state that there were not other aspects of this conduct which called for the highest praise," said Sir Franklin. It was unfortunate that publication of the dispatches should have led some people to suppose that the civilian population of the Colony were lacking in devotion and loyalty to the Allied cause.

"I am sure that it was the last thing General Percival meant when he wrote his dispatches," added the Governor, who was speaking at the presentation of a Commemorative Plaque to the Malayan nurses.

The conduct of the nurses during the Malayan campaign was typical of the rest of the civilian population and in keeping with the traditions of the nursing service said Sir Franklin.—Reuter/AAP.

Major Young
Trial

Rangoon, Apr. 10.

Burmese counsel today claimed that Maj. C. H. Young, an ex-British army officer, is outside the jurisdiction of Burmese courts under the terms of the Anglo-Burmese agreement signed on January 4.

Counsel was representing Young in his appeal against two years imprisonment for selling arms to U. Saw.

Submitting that British personnel should be tried only by Special Military Courts, counsel urged that due consideration be given to the evidence of ex-emplar U. Saw on behalf of Young who was "a man of high status."

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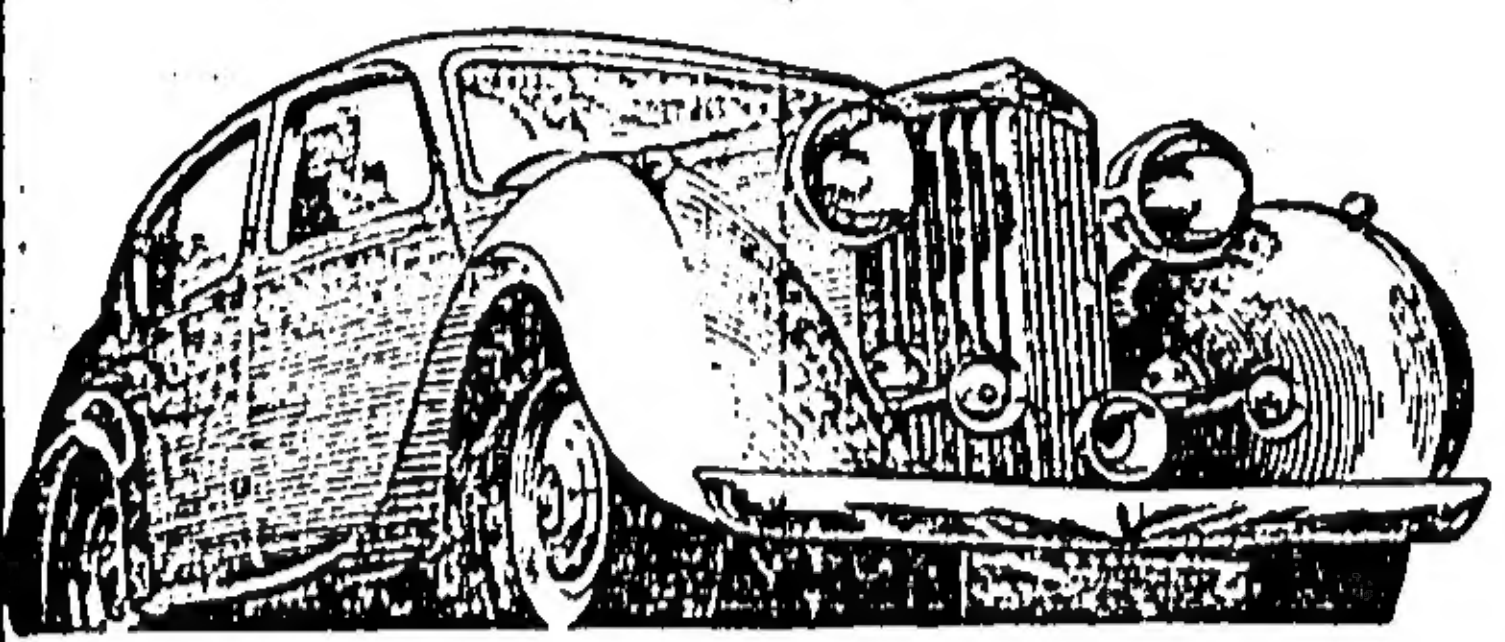


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BADMINTON TEAM FOR NORTH Colony Stars To Play In Shanghai

(By ARGONAUT)

The Hong Kong Organizing Committee for the China Olympics have decided to send a Badminton team to take part in the exhibition matches in the China National Athletic Meet to be held in Shanghai from May 5. Mr. Aw Ho, son of the Tiger Balm magnate, will finance a team of three or four to make the trip.

As Low Keat Soo will be occupied with examinations, the team will probably be made up of Patrick Wong, P. K. Hui, Robert Tay and Miss Winnie Cheung. Attempts are also being made, however, for the whole Sing Tao Team to go up and play a series of exhibition matches there.

Last week saw the conclusion of the Men's Doubles Senior League, with Sing Tao as the unbeaten champions and Recrelo "A" the runners-up. In the Junior Division Recrelo "B" have completed their games, winning 14 and losing three. University "B" with 11 wins to their credit have to win all their remaining 4 games to be on the top of Recrelo "B" and win the Junior Division honours.

League standings:

MEN'S DOUBLES LEAGUE TABLE				
Team	W	L	Pts	Games
Sing Tao	17	17	142	11 34
Recrelo "A"	17	16	128	25 52
Recrelo "B"	17	14	104	49 24
K.C.C.	12	4	96	48 24
University "B"	13	11	2	25 22
Chung Wah	10	10	6	90 54
University "A"	13	9	4	81 36 18
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	11	5	6	82 39 18
St. Francis' "A"	17	3	7	79 14 18
Newton Time	10	7	8	23 04 14
St. Mary's	16	10	58	86 12
V.R.C.	17	0	11	64 97 12
St. John's	16	5	11	48 96 10
Chinese Sanitary	15	5	10	49 86 10
Inspectors	17	2	16	48 110 4
K.C.C. "B"	17	2	16	33 120 4
Polytechnic	14	2	12	19 107 4
Rowland Thel	17	0	17	18 135 0

Open Championship

The K.C.C. will be the venue of the opening games of the Colony Championships tomorrow, when the following ties will be played off:

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles):
A. Boyot v. J. Kempton.
8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles):
P. Lo and K.M. Lee v. M. Verleyen and A.J. Gonsalves.
8.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles):
J.C. Koh and C.P. Lim v. R. Tay and P.K. Hui.
9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles):
H.J. Xavier and R.A. Xavier v. W. Lawrence and C. Quinn.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles):
D.C. Lau v. W.C. Chang.

On Tuesday at Club de Recrelo, a few interesting matches will be seen. The seeded pair in the Senior Men's Doubles, P.H. Wong and C. Au, will meet S. Saul and W. Gillies, a quite formidable pair if on form.

The best game of the evening however, will undoubtedly be the Singles match between P.K. Hui and S.A. Vannar. Vannar narrowly defeated the ex-Colony champion in a one-set exhibition match.

Licence Withdrawn

London, Apr. 10.
The Stewards of the National Hunt Committee, in a statement in the Racing Calendar today, that they have withdrawn the licence to train of the Yorkshire trainer, V. S. Moore, following evidence that a drug had been administered to a horse he trained, Woolpack, for the purpose of the Yorkshire Main Selling Handicap hurdle race at the Doncaster Mare meeting.

The statement added: "In view of the fact that R. Cane, the rider of Woolpack, in the course of the race received fatal injuries, the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee feel that they should add that there was not sufficient evidence produced before them at the inquiry to indicate who administered, or caused to be administered, the drug in question."—Reuter.

held a few months ago, but since then Hui has had considerable practice and will be all out to avenge his defeat.

Miss Ullian Khoo will also be seen in action with her new partner R. Young, against Fisher and Mrs. Tamworth.

Malaya Championships

Full results of the Malayan Championships held at Kuala Lumpur during the Easter holidays have not yet come to hand. K.W. Choy, the 1941 Colony champion, won his first round beating Goh Chong Hong of Penak by 15-11, 15-12. S.A. Dural, who won the All-India Singles title last month went down in the first round to Yeo Teck Chye the Selangor singles runner-up by 15-12, 7-15, 13-15.

Wong Feng Soon, the holder, had a narrow escape when he was fully extended by Chan Kon Leong, the All-India Doubles Champion by 15-11, 12-15, 13-15 (5-3).

In America

Fleet, fun-filled badminton has become one of the most popular all-around sports in the last few years in America, with an estimated five to six million shuttlecock enthusiasts participating in the game. There are now 219 official badminton clubs in the United States, but the great majority of players are those who play in the backyards, and do not belong to any clubs.

The national badminton champion since 1939 has been Dave Freeman, a 26-year-old Army lieutenant in the Medical Corps in Panama.

The changes follow an investigation caused by the death of a young negro heavyweight, Sam Baroud, who died after the bout with Ezzard Charles.

The changes include:

1. Require eight-ounce gloves in all professional bouts.

2. A boxer cleanly knocked down must take a count of eight before rising. If knocked out of the ring the fighter must take a count of eighteen.

3. A medical examiner must examine knocked-out fighters cannot fight again within 16 weeks.

Then they will fight only after a physical examination.

4. A boxer suffering from severe concussion will not be permitted to fight in Illinois.

Check-Up

6. After four straight knock-outs or six straight defeats, the boxer must undergo an inquiry to determine his future eligibility.

7. Stricter physical examination. A boxer may be required to have cardiograph or encephalograph to determine the condition of the heart and brain.

8. Any boxer manager or handler suspended in one National Boxing Association title is liable to six months or indefinite suspension for contracting in another NBA state.

9. First-aid equipment such as a pulmotor and stretcher shall be at the ringside in every bout.

10. The Commission can bar for life violators of its rules. —United Press.

Britain's Drive On Communists

London, Apr. 10.

The British Government's action against Communists and Fascists in the State service will be followed by comparable measures elsewhere. The Labour Party is following it up. The B.B.C. and other public services where security reasons require it, are also expected to take similar action.

The Labour Party has embarked on a firm course against the score or so of members of the party in the House of Commons whose activities have laid them under the suspicion of being "fellow travellers" with the Communists.

Their political records are being examined, and any resulting "indictments" will be considered shortly by the National Executive of the party, which will be influenced considerably in its judgement by the line taken by these members since the Communist seizure of Czechoslovakia. Most of the offenders are regarded as being thoughtless and ill-advised, rather than sinister, and it is hoped that they will be amenable to reason, ready to heed a warning. Others may have to be expelled from the party, which would almost certainly mean that they would lose their seats at the next election.

The executive is determined to cleanse the Parliamentary Party of Communist influence, and of suspicion of sympathy with Communism. No other course is open to it, in view of the Prime Minister's statement.

Challenge

Any action taken by the National Executive can be challenged at the annual conference of the party at Whitsuntide, and probably will be if there are expulsions. The executive will face any such challenge with confidence.

Apart from the overriding question of national security, many members of the party resent what they consider to be the increasing use of the party as a forum for thinly veiled Communist propaganda, because it is an electoral liability, and is destructive of that reasonable general discipline which the rank and file of the party are now on their honour to maintain.

As to the influence of the Government's action in other fields of public employment where questions of security may arise, few cases of dismissal, or of transfer from one job to another, are expected.

What is regarded as important is the general alertness to the Communist danger which the Government's policy stimulates, making disruption by stealth infinitely more difficult. —From Our Correspondent.

To Clean Their Mind

Shanghai, Apr. 10.

Shanghai students will be given free copies of the Chinese translated edition of Victor Knavchenko's book "I Choose Freedom" by the Bureau of Education, which explained in a circular to different school authorities that this book will be able to clean the minds of students, according to Chinese reports.

Scores of the translated copies will be put in libraries of all public and private secondary and primary schools.

An order from the Bureau of Education said:

"In recent years young students have been induced by 'bandits' to create disturbances. For the sake of cleaning the mind of youngsters, we enclose a translated copy of 'I Choose Freedom' for public study. This book will effectively help the youngsters to understand reality and have their minds trained." —Reuter.

MENACES CHARGE

Further charges were preferred yesterday against Tsoi Kwok-kuen, 25, unemployed, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of demanding \$15 with menaces from Wong So, divan keeper of 168, Queen's Road Central.

The additional charges preferred were demanding \$13 from Wong Kong at 6 Swatow Street on Mar. 8; demanding \$12 from Tse Lam 120 Queen's Road Central (second floor); and demanding \$5 from Lo Man at 11, Swatow Street on March 8.

The case was remanded for one week.

PERSISTENT

Wong Choi (17) was expelled from the Colony three times between July 1 and Oct. 3, last, and banished for 10 years on Jan. 23 this year.

He was seen, and recognised, by Sub-Inspector Dow and Police Cpl. 050 at Pitt Street, near Shanghai Street, at 6 p.m. on April 8.

After Inspector J. Orem had read out Wong's record to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, the Magistrate sentenced accused to six months' hard labour for breach of deportation order, and recommended him to be rebanned.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, Chan Hup (34), coolie, was remanded for 48 hours when he appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$670 which he was to have paid to the Talkoo (Holt's Wharf) Godowns on April 9.

The smokers were each fined \$25.

Another divan with 10 smokers was raided by Insp. J. Mills. The keeper of the divan, Li Yik-mo, 25, was fined \$950 or five months' hard labour by Mr. F.C. d'Almeida.

The smokers were each fined \$25.

Boxing Safety Rules Introduced

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 9.

The Athletic Commission today announced a revision of rules on Illinois professional boxing. The revisions pointed toward "the safety of all concerned in boxing, particularly contestants" and are effective immediately.

The changes follow an investigation caused by the death of a young negro heavyweight, Sam Baroud, who died after the bout with Ezzard Charles.

The changes include:

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Opium Divan Raids

When an opium divan at 15 Spring Garden Lane was raided at 6.40 p.m. on April 9 by Insp. J. Hayward and a party of police they found 20 smokers and the keeper. The opium smokers included two women.

Appearing at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of keeping an opium divan Yu Yui, 25, unemployed, pleaded "guilty" and was fined \$950 or five months' hard labour by Mr. F.C. d'Almeida.

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